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ECCC First Pitch dinner

Special recognition of the 2014 East Central Community College baseball team is scheduled Saturday, February 1, when the annual First Pitch Dinner is held on the Decatur campus.

Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria in preparation for the new season, which begins Saturday, Feb. 8, as the defending state champions host Pensacola (Fla.) Junior College in doubleheader action starting at 1 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

Neal Holliman, now in his eighth year as Diamond Warrior head coach, anticipates another great turnout for the First Pitch Dinner, which again features one of the top baseball coaches in the country.

Butch Thompson, associate head baseball coach at Mississippi State University in Starkville, will serve as this year's speaker.

"We are extremely excited to have the best pitching coach in the country speak at our First Pitch Dinner," said Holliman. "Not only is Coach Thompson nationally recognized as a coach, but also as a person. I can assure you this will be a great night for our program."

Coach Thompson, regarded as one of the premier pitching coaches in America, helped lead the 2013 Diamond Dawgs to their first ever appearance in the Championship Series of the College World Series at Omaha, Nebraska. MSU finished runner-up to champion UCLA en route to a 50-21 record.

Thompson enters his sixth season on head coach John Cohen's staff, where he has achieved success both with his individual tutelage and teams.

Thompson has coached players to 21 total Division I All-American honors and 27 All-Conference accolades, including 2013 SEC Pitcher of the Year and San Francisco Giants' first-round selection Chris Stratton, who is on his way to becoming the seventh player Thompson has tutored who has made it to the major leagues.

His 2013 pitching staff was one of two to finish in the top 15 nationally in earned run average, strikeouts per nine innings and hits allowed per nine innings. As a result of the staff's success, four other pitchers were drafted, including top 10 picks Kendrali Graveman and All-American Chad Girodo, who were eighth-and ninth-round selections, respectively, by Toronto.

In addition to Girodo, Thompson coached lefty Ross Mitchell and right-hander Johnathan Holder to All-American honors in 2013. Mitchell, a reliever, was the only pitcher in the country with at least 13 wins and no losses, owning a microscopic 1.53 ERA. Holder, a closer, became the ninth player in NCAA history with 21 saves in a single season, tying the SEC single-season saves record in the process.

Thompson was a standout pitcher at Amory High School and Itawamba Community College in Fulton prior to launching his coaching career as pitching coach and top assistant at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala., in 1993. He later returned to his alma mater Birmingham-Southern, and helped lead the Panthers to consecu-

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tive Southern States Conference championships and in 1995 coached BSC to its first NAIA World Series berth.

Thompson left BSC briefly to serve as head baseball coach at Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham in 1997. While at Jefferson State, he was honored as the Regional Tournament Coach of the Year, the ABCA Alabama Junior College Coach of the Year and Southeast Region Coach of the Year after guiding JSCC to a 39-21 record, the AJCAA Region 22 State Championship and a third-place finish in the NJCAA Division III World Series.

He returned to Birmingham Southern as a top assistant the following season and began a four-year run during the most successful span in BSC baseball history.

In 2002, Thompson joined the Southeastern Conference baseball coaching fraternity, beginning a four-year term as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Georgia.

Following the 2005 campaign, he continued his SEC affiliation at Auburn, serving as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator.

Thompson, honored as the 2006 Fellowship of Christian Athletes SEC Coach of the Year, has shared his expertise as a featured speaker at numerous baseball coaching clinics throughout America.

He received a bachelor's degree in history at BSC in 1992 and completed a master's degree in sports administration at the University of Alabama-Birmingham in 1996.

He is married to the former Robin Ashe of Birmingham, and they have three daughters – Anna, Olivia and Madelyn Gail.

Tickets to the ECCC First Pitch Dinner are $25 for adults and $15 for children age 12 and under.

For more information, contact Coach Neal Holliman, 601-635-6374 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 374. His e-mail address is nholliman@eccc.edu.

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County's Cain signs with EC

Newton County High School baseball standout Peyton Cain (seated center) of Hickory recently signed a national letter of intent to continue his career in 2014-15 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Cain, a 6-1, 190-pound right-handed pitcher, was named to the 2013 4A All-State squad after posting a 9-1 record and achieving a 1.54 earned run average. Pictured with the new Diamond Warrior are (seated from left) his parents, Jason and Anna C[illegible] from left) his brother, Riley Kerr Cain; sister, Olivia Cain; grandparents, Paula and D[illegible] Newton County head baseball coach, Wyatt Tullos.

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Peyton Cain and his Newton County High School teammates have a little unfinished business when baseball season officially gets underway next month. That's why he wanted to go ahead and get the recruiting process behind him.

The right-handed pitcher/infield/outfielder did just that recently when he signed a baseball scholarship to play for East Central Community College next season.

"I pretty much just wanted to go ahead and be finished with the process so I can focus on my senior year and we can finish some things," Cain said, referring to Newton County's runner-up finish in MHSAA Class 4A last year. "I just wanted the recruiting process behind me."

While Cain plays third and outfield for the Cougars when he's not on the mound, pitching will likely be his focus when he steps on campus at ECCC next year.

"Whatever they want me to do is what I will do, but they are mostly talking about pitching," he said. "I really like pitching, because it's just me and the catcher and we can get into a zone. I also like going one-on-one against the hitters."

He did it well last year for the Cougars, finishing with a 9-1 record with a 1.59 ERA and one save. He struck out 53 batters in 79 innings and tossed two shutouts.

"He just goes out there and gets the job done," said NCHS head baseball coach Wyatt Tullos. "He doesn't ever seem to get hit very hard and he eats up a lot of innings. He's not really a strikeout pitcher, but he pitches to contact well.

"He has a good breaking ball, his fastball has got some movement and he has a circle change," Tullos said. "He is a true three-pitch guy. There are just a lot of things about Peyton that make him a good baseball player that you just can't quantify."

While his pitching resume is strong, he can also hit the baseball. As a junior last season he hit .343 with 23 RBIs and scored 26 runs, while reaching base at a .437 clip and smacking six doubles. He also recorded 11 sacrifice hits and was hit by a pitch eight times.

"I've always wanted to play college baseball and now I'm just excited to be getting the chance," he said.

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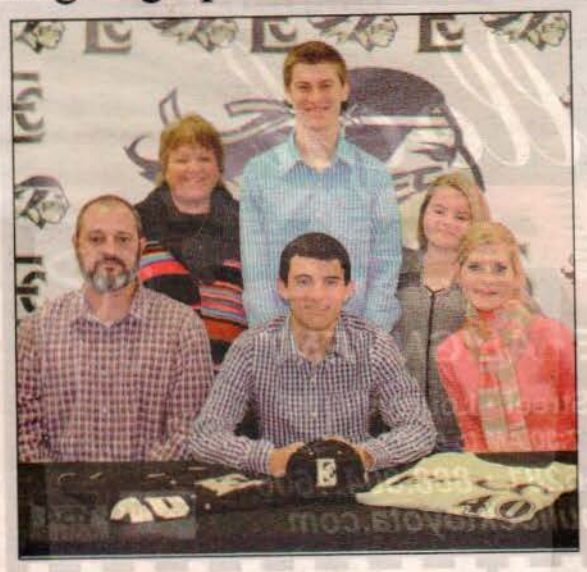

Wall Joins ECCC Diamond Warriors

Louisville High School baseball standout Channing Wall (seated center) recently signed a national letter of intent to continue his career in 2014-15 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Wall, a 5-11, 160-pound right-handed pitcher, played his junior season in 2013 at Winston Academy, where he received All-Conference honors and was chosen team most valuable player. He received the best pitcher award in 2011 while attending Louisville High School. Wall owns a 1.0 earned run average and is credited with a perfect game and a no-hitter. Pictured with the new Diamond Warrior are (seated from left) his father, Nick Wall and step-mom, Amanda Wall; and (standing from left) his grandmother, Vickie Turner; brother, Carter Jones; and sister, Logan Wall. Not pictured is the signee's mother, Beth Wall. The ECCC baseball program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Diamond Warriors

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After his 2013 Diamond Warrior squad captured the program's third state title and his second crown as head coach, Neal Holliman's goal for the 2014 version of East Central Community College baseball is same for each of his previous seven squads – "Maximize Potential."

The 2013 Diamond Warriors included a bevy of talent, led by shortstop/slugger Tim Anderson of Tuscaloosa, a first-round selection in the Major League Baseball Draft by the Chicago White Sox.

Anderson, the only community college player in the nation invited to attend the draft selection program held in New York and shown live on ESPN, also garnered the 2013 David Rowlands Award, presented to the nation's top JUCO male athlete, in addition to receiving NJCAA Division II All-American, Region 23 and MACJC All-State honors.

The former Hillcrest (Ala.) High School standout also received team most valuable player honors after helping lead ECCC to the state title and third-place finish in the Region 23 Tournament en route to a 32-21 record.

Other team members from the state championship squad continuing their careers include outfielder Xavier Franklin (Newton County) and Terrance Steele (Neshoba Central), infielder/outfielder Kalik May (Tuscaloosa County), left-handed pitcher Brady McBride (Northeast Jones) and right-handed pitcher/third baseman Jordan Mixon (East Webster), who all signed with Mississippi Valley State.

Regarding the outlook for this year's squad, which begins season action by hosting Pensacola Community College at 1 p.m. Saturday Holliman said:

"The number of new members on this team has been a challenge, but I believe we are continually growing in the right direction.

Our sophomores are a fine group of men with talent and even though many did not start full-time as freshmen, they still played a role last season and will be expected and are eager to play a major role in the upcoming season."

Sophomores expected to provide leadership for this year's squad are team captains Mason Woodrow, a right-handed pitcher from Taylorsville; Maxwell Harmon, an infielder/outfielder from Enterprise; and first baseman/outfielder John Morgan Berry, a first-baseman/outfielder from Madison Central.

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begin defense of state title

Other returnees include University of West Alabama signee Jake Bush, an outfielder/left-hander pitcher from Brookwood (Ala.) High School; outfielder Zach May, Newton County; right-handed pitchers Conner West of Taylorsville and Ty Hendrix of East Webster; and first baseman Caleb Woods, Leake Central. Another sophomore is right-handed pitcher Kale Fultz of Covington, Tenn., a transfer from Southwest Tenn. Community College.

Holliman said the freshmen group is also laden with talent and has the potential to be successful.

Freshman players and their respective high schools include outfielder Ben Cooley, South Jones; infielder Dylan Little, Mary G. Montgomery, Semmes, Ala.; short stop/second baseman Hunter Thrower, Southeast Lauderdale; outfielder Cojuante McMillian, Hamilton; left-handed pitcher Zach Mowdy, Union; outfielder Kyle McCullough, Madison Ridgeland Academy; catcher/right-handed pitcher Lane Fazende, Pearl River Central; left-handed pitcher/outfielder Will Myers, Leake Academy; catcher Todd Hughes, Clarkdale; left-handed pitcher Cory Kitchens, Heidelberg Academy; right-handed pitcher/infielder Ryan Ward, Madison Ridgeland Academy; outfielder Gage Sullivan, Richland; left-handed pitcher Nick Wilson, Terry; right-handed pitcher Dillon Drake, Puckett; third baseman/first baseman Cody Daigle, Parkview Baptist, Addis, La.; outfielder/catcher Deshawn Pittman, Quitman; outfielder Reagan Warren, Newton County; outfielder/first baseman Chance Whitten, South Panola; right-handed pitcher Colby Eaves, Nanih Waiya; and right-handed pitcher/catcher Seth Dement, Hamilton.

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Union's Kennedy signs with EC

Union High School senior Will Kennedy signed a baseball scholarship Friday to play at East Central Community College. With h are Coach Dustin Hamrick, left, parents Amy and Mitch Kennedy and Coach Michael Hindman.

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Union High School senior Will Kennedy accomplished one of the goals he had set for himself when he signed a baseball scholarship with East Central Community College Friday.

"I always had a goal to play somewhere after high school," Kennedy said. "I didn't know where it would be, but I'm excited about East Central. They have a good program and it's close to home."

The catcher/infielder says the one part of his game that has improved the most since he began playing regularly for the Yellowjackets in the ninth grade is not really a physical one.

"Probably having confidence is where I've grown the most," he said. "Just feeling more comfortable on the field and in big situations."

Union High School head coach Dustin Hamrick said it became evident early in Kennedy's career that he would be a solid baseball player.

"When he first began he hit near the bottom of the order but it seemed like every game he would always get a hit," Hamrick said. "You could just count on him. From that point on, he just got better and better every year."

Hamrick says Kennedy has a good bat, but is also a leader and contributor in the field.

"He is a good catcher and does a good job in the infield and hopefully this year he can step into the role of being one of our top pitchers," Hamrick said. "I am looking for him to be one of the better players in the district."

Kennedy said catcher is a good position for him because he craves action.

"Catching is the only spot on the field where you have the opportunity to touch the ball on every pitch," Kennedy said. "That's what I like most about it. You are in the middle of everything."

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Lake High School baseball standout Matthew Mitchell (second from left) recently signed a national letter of intent to continue his career in 2014-15 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Mitchell, a 6', 180-pound outfielder/left-handed pitcher, was a first team All-State and All-District selection in 2013. He received the Diamond Hornets' most valuable offensive player award and was a member of the .500 Club the same season. Pictured with the new Diamond Warrior are (from left) his parents, Howard Mitchell and Darlene Guyse, and step-father Chris Guyse.

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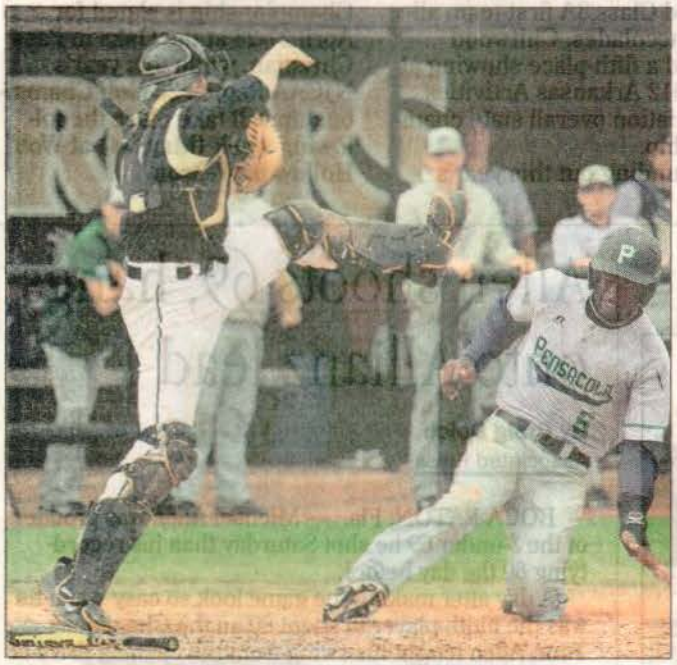

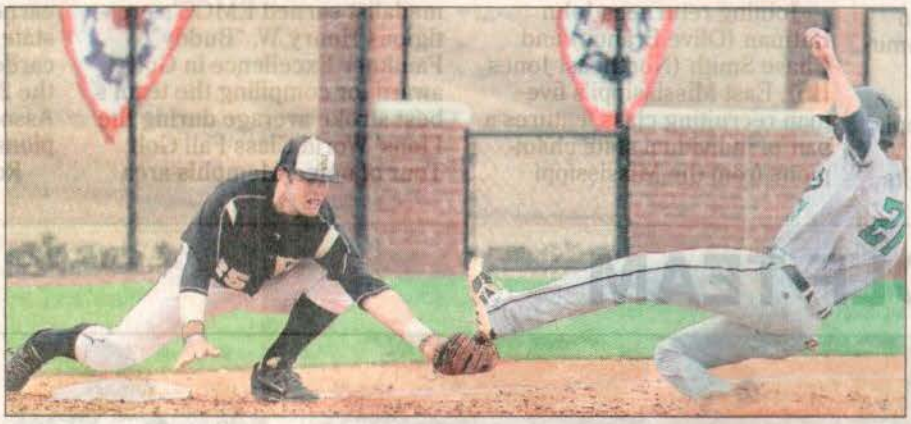

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Clockwise from top: East Central Community College's John Morgan Berry makes a diving attempt near the first base on a hard hit ball by a Pensacola State College batter Saturday. East Central Community College's Cody Daigle puts the tag on Pensacola State College's Patrick Maddox at third base Saturday. Pensacola State College's Ulysses Fluellen slides under East Central Community College's Todd Hughes as he leaps for the throw Saturday.

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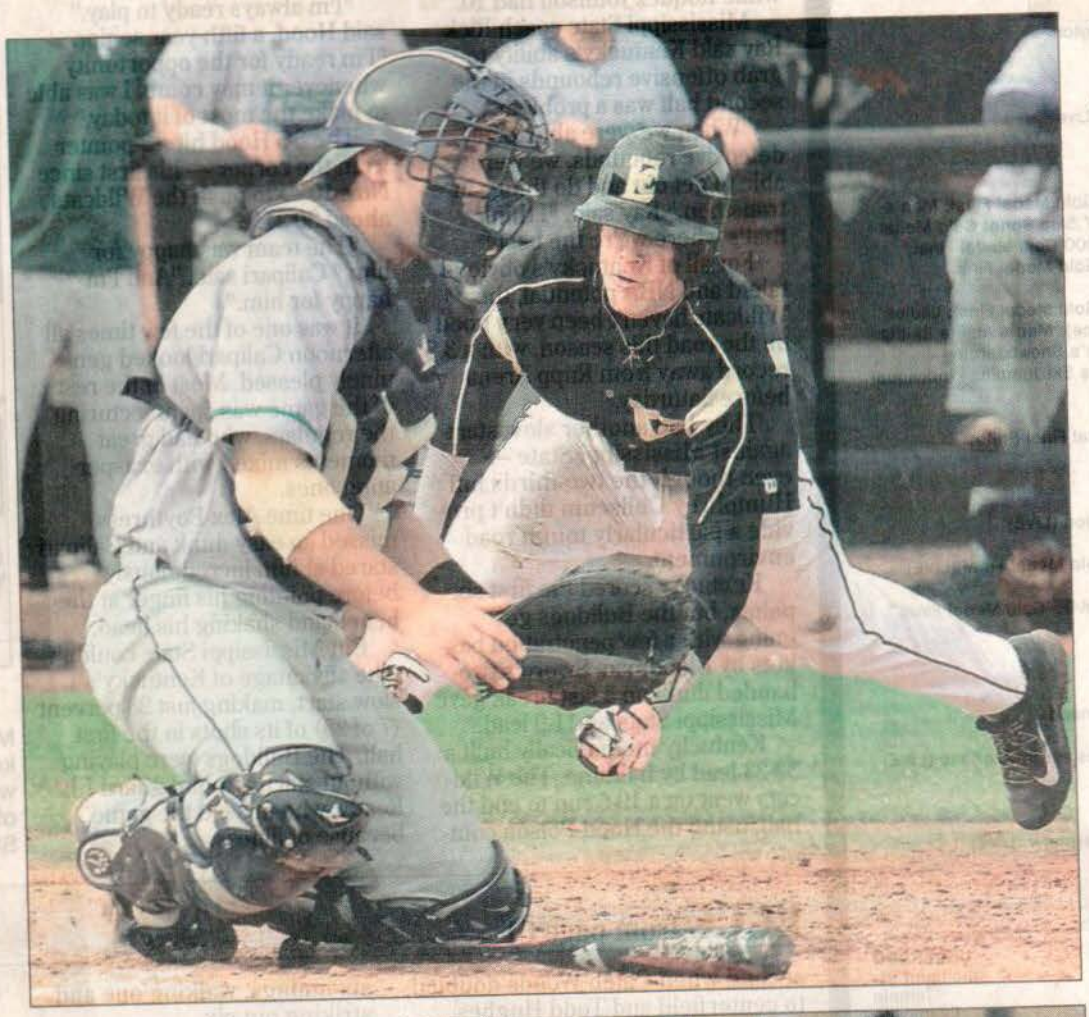

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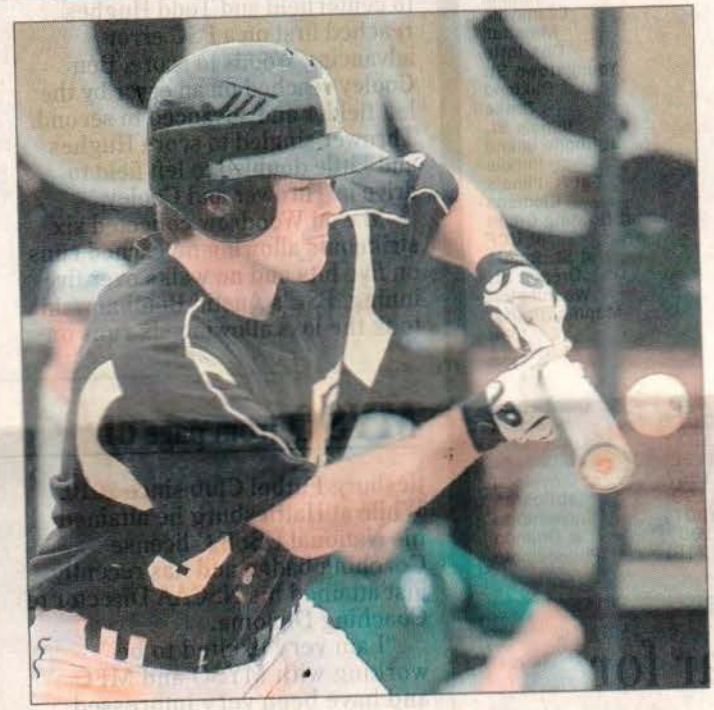

Above, East Central Community College's Dylan Little beats the throw home to Pensacola State College's Ben Emery to score a run for the Warriors in their home opener Saturday. At right, East Central Community College's Hunter Thrower connects on a sacrifice bunt Saturday against Pensacola State College. See related photos, page C3.

ECCC Sweeps home opener

From staff reports

The East Central Community College Warriors were able to fend off Pensacola State College in their home-opening doubleheader Saturday, winning 6-5 and 4-3.

"I thought it was a good effort on a pair of close games," EC coach Neal Holliman said. "We made plays and came out on top, which is especially good on opening day."

In Game 1, Pensacola struck first with one run in the top of the first when Ulysses Fluellen doubled, advanced to third on a fly out and then scored on an error by EC's Dylan Little. PSC then added two more runs in the third inning with a pair of RBI singles from Marcus Morrissete and Andy Chacon. The Pirates finished out with a two-run single by Maddox in the seventh to put them within one run before the Warriors' defense was able to hold off the threat in the nine-inning game.

EC scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning with a double to right field by Chance Whitten that plated Hunter Thrower and Little, giving the Warriors the lead for good. EC added four more runs in the bottom of the

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second when Caleb Woods doubled to centerfield and Todd Hughes reached first on a PSC error advancing Woods to score. Ben Cooley reached on an error by the left fielder and advanced to second. Thrower singled to score Hughes and Little doubled to left field to drive in Thrower and Cooley.

Mason Woodrow collected six strikeouts allowing no earned runs on five hits and no walks over five inning. PSC's Austin Bembnowski took the loss allowing six runs on six innings, walking one and striking out six.

In Game 2 Chance Whitten's walk-off home run in the eighth inning sealed the sweep in extra innings. Ryan Ward got the win for the Warriors pitching one shutout inning, striking out one. He walked none and gave up no hits.

Ty Hendrix lead the pitching off giving up only one hit, no earned runs, walked one and struck out four during his six innings.

"Mason Woodrow threw well in the first game and Ty Hendrix did a great job through six innings only giving up one hit in the second game," Holliman added.

The Warriors jumped to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the third with Lane Fazende starting things off with a double before Jake Bush singled bringing Cooley home. Thrower scored on a walk and Zach May scored on a passed ball.

The Warriors next game will be Monday against Wallace-Selma on the University of West Alabama

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East Central Community College's Chance Whitten makes a pick-off attempt at first base in a recent game.

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Rush Invitational action at MCC and ECCC this weekend

From school reports

A weekend of community college baseball is on tap today and Sunday.

The Meridian Community College baseball team will host its 2014 Rush Invitational Tournament at Scaggs Field this weekend to mark the first home games of the 2014 regular season for the Eagles.

East Central Community College hosts the 2014 Rush Invitational at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus.

East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors begin today's action with a 1 p.m. matchup against Faulkner State. Faulkner State takes on Baton Rouge at 3:30 p.m. and will be followed by the East Central/Baton Rouge battle at 6 p.m.

Games scheduled Sunday include Baton Rouge vs. Faulkner State at 11 a.m.; Baton Rouge vs. Wallace State at 1:30 p.m.; and Wallace State vs. Faulkner State at 4 p.m.

All EC games are nine-inning contests. The other match-ups are seven-inning battles.

Meridian Community College opened the regular season last Saturday by dropping a pair of games in Raymond, MS to Mineral Area (MO.) by a final of 14-10 and to Hinds by a count of 1-0.

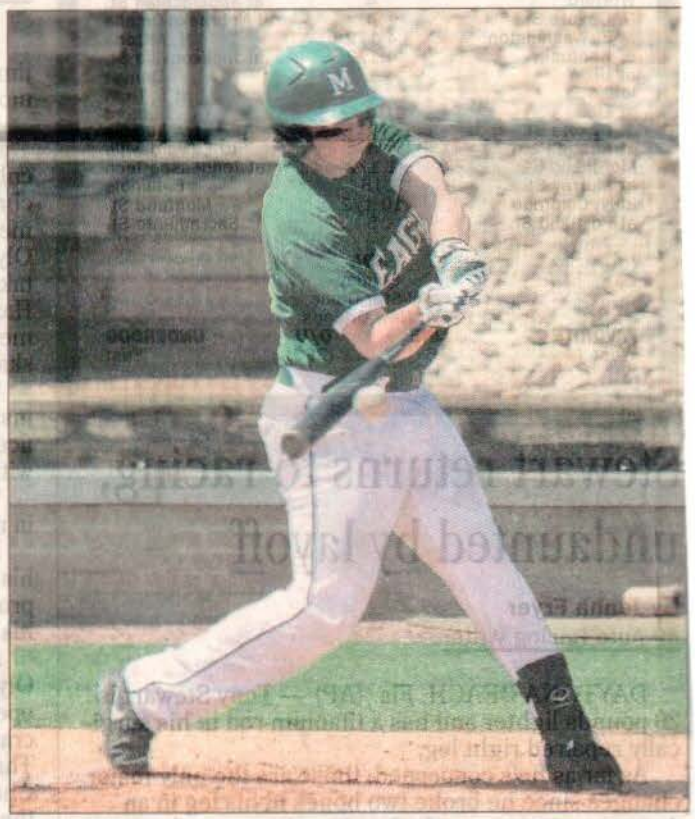
The Eagles were originally scheduled to open the home portion of its schedule on Wednesday against Jones County Junior College, but heavy rain caused the games to be rescheduled for Feb. 23.

The 2014 Rush Invitational Tournament will consist of three teams that include: Meridian, Kaskaskia College (IL), and Jefferson College (MO). Meridian has already taken to the field for two games, but the other two squads will see the field for the first time this weekend. MCC will open the tournament today at 11 a.m. against Kaskaskia College from Illinois.

The Blue Devils will look to continue its recent run of success in 2014 after making an appearance in the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, CO in 2013. Kaskaskia competes in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference and should be a tough test for the Eagles to open the tournament today.

MCC will conclude play with a 5 p.m. game against Jefferson College from Missouri. The Vikings have a recent string of appearances in the JUCO World Series by advancing the grand stage in 2002, 2011, and 2012. Jefferson College competes in the Missouri Community College Athletic Conference and has won seven straight conference titles heading into 2014. Jefferson College is actually opening the season Friday with a doubleheader against Dyersburg State in Tennessee before making the trip to Meridian.

Jefferson College and Kaskaskia will meet twice during the weekend as well with games scheduled for today and Sunday at 2 p.m. MCC will play twice on Sunday following its two games today. The Eagles will tangle with Jefferson College Sunday morning at 11 a.m. and Kaskaskia at 5 p.m. The games that the Eagles will compete in this weekend will be seven-inning contests.



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Meridian Community College's Ben Gann makes contact during a game last season against Delgado Community College.

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Warriors crush Baton Rouge 16-7

From school reports

A 16-7 blowout over Baton Rouge Community College late Saturday night completed competition for East Central Community College's baseball squad in the annual Rush Invitational held this weekend at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus.

A six-run seventh inning sealed the win for the Diamond Warriors, who improved to 3-1 on the young season under head coach Neal Holliman.

Kyle McCullough and Hunter Thrower led the offensive attack with three hits each.

McCullough belted a double and two singles. He also scored three runs and collected an RBI. McCullough is a product of Madison Ridgeland Academy.

Thrower had three singles and was credited with two RBIs. He also scored twice. Thrower is a former standout at Southeast Lauderdale High School.

Also having multiple hits were Dylan Little and Chance Whitten, who each had two singles. Little also scored three runs. He is a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile. Whitten was also credited with two RBIs. He hails from South Panola High School.

Other sluggers were Cody Daigle, a product of Parkview Baptist High School in Addis, La., double and RBI; Jake Bush of Brookwood (Ala.) High School, single and two RBIs; Will Myers of Leake Academy, single; Lane Fazende of Pearl River Central, single and RBI; and Zach May of Newton County, single and three RBIs.

Also scoring runs were Ben Cooley (two) of South Jones, Daigle (two), Myers, May and Todd Hughes of Clarkdale.

Starter Ryan Ward was credited with the win. He hurled one-third inning and allowed one run on one hit. He also walked a batter. Ward is a right-hander from Madison Ridgeland Academy.

Also appearing on the mound were Zach Mowdy of Union, who allowed four runs on two hits and fanned a batter during one-third inning; Ty Hendrix of East Webster, who hurled five scoreless innings and allowed two hits, fanned seven and walked one; Kale Fultz of Covington (Tenn.) High School, who went one inning and allowed one run, fanned one and walked two; Courtney Forbes of Columbia, who hurled one inning and allowed one run; and Conner West of Taylorsville, who pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings and walked a batter.

The Diamond Warriors began tournament competition earlier in the day with a 5-2 loss to Faulkner State Community College.

EC had the potential winning run at the plate in the bottom of the ninth with the bases loaded but Thrower grounded out to third to end the game.

The Diamond Warriors managed just four hits in the setback — a double by McCullough and singles from May, Fazende and Caleb Woods of Leake Central.

Starter Mason Woodrow went 4 2/3 innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits. He fanned five batters and walked a pair. Woodrow is a product of Taylorsville High School.

Bush went 2 2/3 innings and allowed one earned run on five hits. He fanned two batters and walked two.

West hurled the final 1 2/3 innings and fanned a batter.

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ECCC baseball splits doubleheader with Northwest Mississippi C

From school reports

DECATUR — Home runs by Dylan Little, Ben Cooley and Lane Fazende helped lift East Central Community College to an 8-4 victory over Northwest Mississippi Community College in the first of two contests Tuesday at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

The visiting Rangers responded with a 10-4 decision in the nightcap to earn a split of the non-division matchups.

Fazende, a Pearl River High School product, also contributed a double and led the squad with two RBIs.

Cooley, a freshman outfielder from South Jones High School, added a single to his totals for the opener.

Zach May and Ryan Ward were also credited with multiple hits. May, a Newton County High School alumnus, belted two singles and knocked in a run. Ward, a freshman from Madison Ridgeland Academy, collected two singles.

Sophomore right-hander Conner West picked up the win, allowing one hit and no earned runs during his two-inning appearance. He fanned three batters and walked one.

Southpaw Cory Kitchens, a Heidelberg Academy alumnus, went six innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits.

Nick Wilson hurled one inning and allowed one earned run on one hit. The Terry High School product also walked two batters.

In the nightcap, Thrower led the EC offense with a double and single. He was credited with an RBI.

Bush took the loss, allowing three earn runs on three hits in one-third inning of work. He fanned a batter and walked one. Fazende went two-thirds of an inning and fanned a batter.

Kale Fultz was on the mound for five innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits. The right-hander from Covington Tenn., struck out five and walked two.

Will Myers, a left-hander from Leake Acadey, went one inning and allowed one earned run on one hit. He also fanned thr batters and walked one.

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ECCC Diamond Warriors fall 5-2 to Faulkner State

Special to The Star

Competition in the annual Rush Invitational began on a disappointing note for the East Central Community College baseball squad which dropped a 5-2 decision to Faulkner State Community College Saturday afternoon at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur.

EC had the potential winning run at the plate in the bottom of the ninth with the bases loaded but Hunter Thrower grounded out to third to end the game.

The Diamond Warriors managed just four hits in the loss - a double by Kyle McCullough and singles from Zach May, Caleb Woods and Lane Fazende.

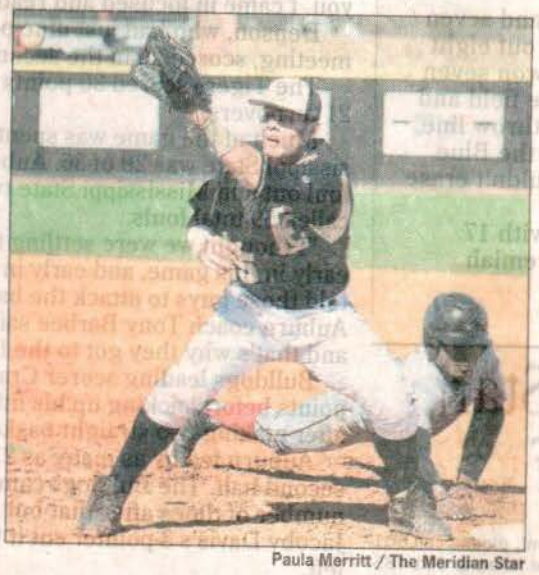
Southpaw Jake Bush took the loss in relief. He went 2 2/3 innings and allowed three runs on five hits. He fanned two batters and walked a pair.

Starter Mason Woodrow went 4 2/3 innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits. He fanned five batters and walked five.

Conner West hurled the final 1 2/3 innings and fanned one batter.

ECCC was up 13-6 in the top of the 8th in a nine inning game against Baton Rouge Community College at press time.

Matchups for today include Baton Rouge vs. Faulkner State at 11 a.m.; Baton Rouge vs. Wallace State at 1:30 p.m.; and Wallace State vs. Faulkner State at 4 p.m.



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East Central Community College's Cody Daigle attempts to pick off Faulkner State Community College's Jamie Smith Saturday during the Rush Invitational in Decatur.

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ECCC Diamond Warriors drop weekend contests

A doubleheader loss to rival East Mississippi Community College Friday followed by setbacks to Mineral Area and Holmes Community College squads Saturday in Goodman left East Central Community College's baseball squad with a 4-6 mark on the young 2014 campaign.

In the twin bill with East Mississippi, the Diamond Warriors were edged 6-5 in the opener and were shut out 3-0 in the nightcap at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur.

Hunter Thrower, Dylan Little, Cody Daigle and Caleb Woods each had two singles to lead EC's offense in the first contest. Thrower led in RBIs with two.

Thrower hails from Southeast Lauderdale High School; Little, Mary G. Montgomery High School in Semmes, Ala.; Daigle, Parkview Baptist High School in Addis, La.; and Woods, Leake Central.

Other hitters were Ben Cooley of South Jones, Ryan Ward of Madison Ridgeland Academy and Todd Hughes of Clarkdale, singles each.

Cooley, Hughes and Chance Whitten of South Panola were credited with an RBI each.

Ready to begin the 2014 campaign are the above members of East Central Community College's baseball squad. Pictured are (first row, from left) outfielder (1) Ben Cooley, a product of South Jones High School; infielder (2) Dylan Little, Mary G. Montgomery HS, Semmes, Ala.; short stop/second baseman (3) Hunter Thrower, Southeast Lauderdale; outfielder/left-handed pitcher (4) Jake Bush, Brookwood (Ala.) High School; outfielder (5) Cojuante McMillian, Hamilton; left-handed pitcher (6) Zach Mowdy, Union; right-handed pitcher (7) Courtney Forbes, Columbia; outfielder (8) Zach May, Newton County; right-handed pitcher (9) Mason Woodrow, Taylorsville; outfielder (11) Kyle McCullough, Madison Ridgeland Academy; catcher/right-handed pitcher (12) Lane Fazende, Pearl River Central; left-handed pitcher/outfielder (13) Will Myers, Leake Academy; and catcher (14) Todd Hughes, Clarkdale; (second row, from left) Neal Holliman, head coach; infielder/outfielder (10) Maxwell Harmon, Enterprise; left-handed pitcher (15) Cory Kitchens, Heidelberg Academy; right-handed pitcher/infielder (16) Ryan Ward, Madison Ridgeland Academy; right-handed pitcher (18) Conner West, Taylorsville; outfielder (19) Gage Sullivan, Richland; right-handed pitcher (20) Ty Hendrix, East Webster; left-handed pitcher (21) Nick Wilson, Terry; first baseman (22) Caleb Woods, Leake Central; right-handed pitcher (23) Dillon Drake, Puckett; Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims, assistant coaches; and (back row, from left) third baseman/first baseman (25) Cody Daigle, Parkview Baptist, Addis, La.; first baseman/outfielder (27) John Morgan Berry, Madison Central; catcher/outfielder (28) Deshawn Pittman, Quitman; outfielder (31) Reagan Warren, Newton County; outfielder/first baseman (33) Chance Whitten, South Panola; right-handed pitcher (34) Kale Fultz, Covington, Tenn.; right-handed pitcher (35) Colby Eaves, Nanih Waiya; right-handed pitcher/catcher (37) Seth Dement, Hamilton; and managers Chris Yarbrough of Florence and Ephraim Ringo of Forest. The defending MACJC State Champion Diamond Warriors host Pensacola State College in the season opener scheduled Saturday, Feb. 8. Doubleheader action gets under way at 1 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

Jake Bush took the loss in relief. He went 3 1/3 innings and allowed three runs on three hits. The southpaw from Brookwood (Ala.) High School fanned four batters and walked two.

In the second contest, EC hitters were Bush, Little, Woods, Thrower, Lane Fazende of Pearl River Central and Kyle McCullough of Madison Ridgeland Academy, singles each.

Starter Ran Ward was the losing pitcher, as the right-hander from MRA went six innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits. He also fanned five batters and walked three.

East Central participated in the Holmes Invitational held Saturday and Sunday in Goodman.

The Diamond Warriors fell 4-3 loss to Mineral Area and dropped a 5-4 decision to Holmes during Saturday competition.

Whitten doubled and RBI to lead EC's offense against Mineral Area.

Fazende contributed a two-run double.

Other hitters were Bush and Ward, singles each.

Right-hander Ty Hendrix took the loss. He went five innings and allowed four runs on four hits. He also fanned four batters and walked two. Hendrix is a product of East Webster High School.

In the Holmes game, EC hitters were Thrower, double; and Bush, Ward and Hughes, singles each.

Thrower was also credited with an RBI and McCullough knocked in two runs.

Right-hander Conner West took the loss. West went two innings and allowed two runs on two hits. He fanned eight batters and walked three. He is a product of Taylorsville High School.

The Diamond Warriors travel to Mississippi Delta Community College Thursday, Feb. 27. Doubleheader action begins at noon on the Moorhead campus.

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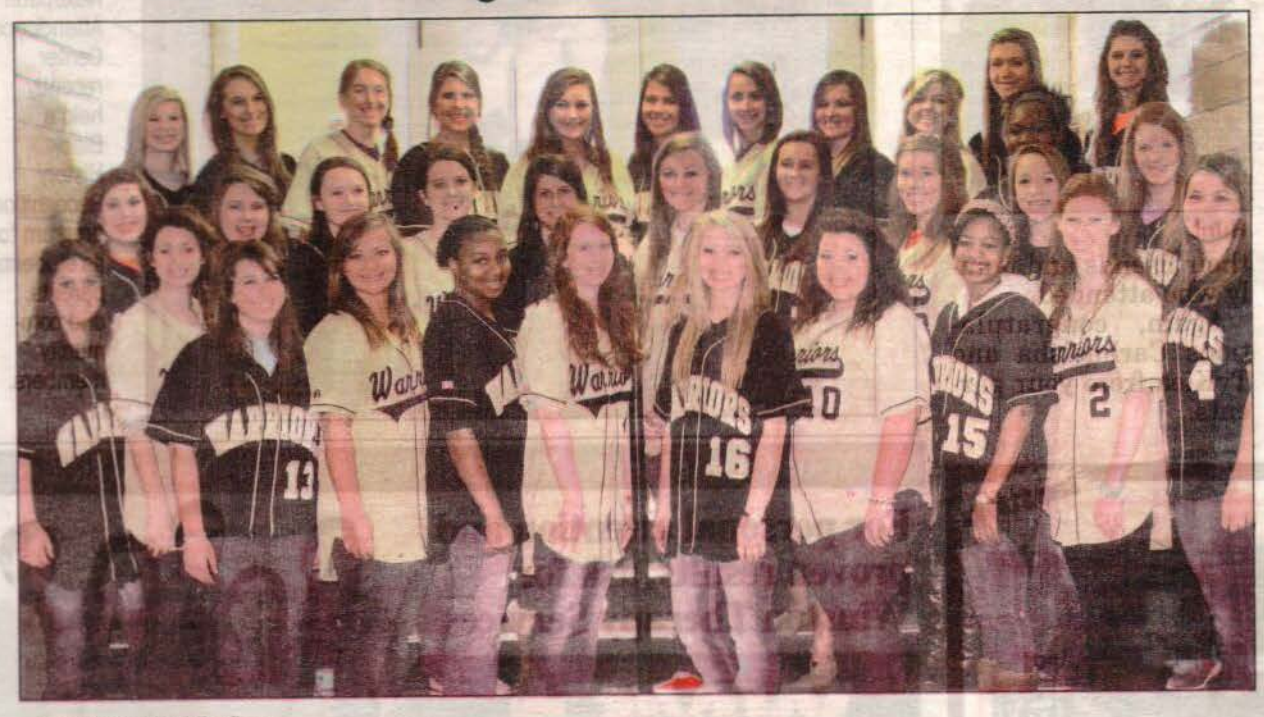

ECCC Diamond Darlings

Members of the Diamond Darlings at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Tayler Mayes, Decatur; Dakota Hollingsworth and Brianna Parkman, both of Lake; Katherine Jacome-Cluff, Hickory; Jessica Brown, Lake; Nat Reed and Jordan Lovorn, both of Louisville; Courtney Tillman, Decatur; Hillary Williams, Philadelphia; and Felica Robinson and Emily Jacome-Cluff, both of Hickory; (second row, from left) Kaitlin Bean,Decatur; Kimberly Harrison, Forest; Haley Pierce, Noxapater; Tara Gilmer, Philadelphia; Madelyn Peterson, Louisville; Alana Kron, Decatur; Hannah Watkins, Philadelphia; Katy Ezelle, Decatur; Cara Jackson, Louisville; Hannah Mitchell, Little Rock; and Iris Gray, Lake; and (back row, from left) Shelby McKelvaine and Jessica Moffett, both of Meridian; Sarah Freeman, Decatur; Taylor Gressett, Chunky; Laney Chesney, Little Rock; Jade Smith, Louisville; Sarah Hall, Philadelphia; Bailey Easterling, Forest; Lacie Williams, Lake; Haley Moore, Philadelphia; and Hannah Brown, Decatur. Diamond Darlings provide assistance for the Warrior baseball team. Assistant baseball coach Ronald Sims serves as sponsor. (ECC Photo)

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ECCC baseball squad rallies for two wins

East Central Community College's baseball team rallied from 7-0 and 2-0 deficits to post impressive victories over two different opponents Saturday, March 1 at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex on the Decatur campus.

Ryan Ward's walk-off single in the bottom of the 11th inning provided the Diamond Warriors with an 8-7 victory over Wabash Valley in the first contest.

Then, Dylan Little scored the eventual game-winning run in the sixth inning, as EC held on for a 3-2 decision over Northeast Mississippi Community College in a seven-inning battle late Saturday night.

Against Wabash Valley, Ward scored twice in helping EC rally from the 7-0 deficit. Cody Daigle doubled, singled and collected three RBIs to lead EC's offense in the first contest. He also scored a run.

In the win over Northeast Mississippi, Daigle again led the offense with his two-run single in the sixth inning.

Other hitters were Little, Thrower, John Morgan Berry and Lane Fazende, singles each.

The Warriors were coming off dropping a double-header to Mississippi Delta on Thursday. ECCC fell 3-2 in the opener that day before falling 11-9 in the nightcap.

Against Mississippi Delta two days earlier, Leake Academy product Will Myers was credited with an RBI in the 11-9 loss.

The Diamond Warriors, wh entered the week at 6-8 on the 2014 campaign, travel to Southwest Tennessee Community College Wednesday. Doubleheader action was planned on the Millington, Tenn., campus. The contests were originally set for Tuesday, March 4 but were rescheduled due to inclement weather.

EC's baseball program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims.

Myers of Philadelphia is a 2013 graduate of LA. He is a left-handed pitcher/outfielder.

Caleb Woods of Carthage, a graduate of Leake Central, is a sophomore first baseman.

Woods and Myers are the only players with Leake County ties listed on the Warriors' roster.

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ECCC baseball drops twinball vs. Miss. Delta

From school reports

MOORHEAD — The struggles on the diamond continue for East Central Community College's baseball team following a doubleheader loss to Mississippi Delta Community College Thursday, Feb. 27 on the Moorhead campus.

EC was edged 3-2 in the opener and was outscored 11-9 in the nightcap.

The Diamond Warriors jumped out to an early 1-0 lead but Delta rallied for three runs in the second inning and held on for the victory in the first contest.

EC hitters were Ben Cooley of South Jones; Dyan Little, a product of Mary G. Montgomery (Ala.) High School; John Morgan Berry of Madison Central; and Kyle McCullough of Madison Ridgeland Academy. Each of them had singles.

Zach May of Newton County was credited with an RBI for EC.

In the second contest, EC grabbed an early 3-0 lead following Jake Bush's solo homer and RBI singles from McCullough and Lane Fazende, a product of Pearl River Central High School. Bush is a product of Brookwood (Ala.) High School.

The Diamond Warriors stretched their lead to 9-0 in the third, but the Trojans rallied for three runs in the bottom of the frame and later tied the contest at 9-9 in the bottom of the sixth. Delta took the lead for good with two runs in the sixth and held on for the win.

Other hitters for EC were Cody Daigle, a product of Parkview Baptist High School in Addis, La., who tallied two singles; and Hunter Thrower of Southeast Lauderdale High School, who singled.

Also credited with RBIs were Little and Will Myers of Leake Academy, who each knocked in a run.

The Diamond Warriors (4-8) have two games scheduled today at home. EC battles Wabash Valley at noon, and Northeast Mississippi Community College at 5 p.m.

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Sophomores on the 2014 East Central Community College baseball squad include, from left, seated, first baseman Caleb Woods (22), a product of Leake Central High School; left-handed pitcher Cory Kitchens (15), Heidelberg Academy; outfielder/left-handed pitcher Jake Bush (4), Brookwood (Ala.) High School; outfielder Cojuante McMillian (5), Hamilton; outfielder Zach May, Newton County; and first baseman/outfielder John Morgan Berry (27), Madison Central; standing, infielder/outfielder Maxwell Harmon (10), Enterprise; right-handed pitcher Conner West (18), Taylorsville; right-handed pitcher Courtney Forbes (7), Columbia; right-handed pitcher Kale Fultz (34), Covington, Tenn.; right-handed pitcher Ty Hendrix (20), East Webster; and right hander pitcher Mason Woodrow (9), Taylorsville. The Diamond Warriors are the defending MACJC State Baseball Champions. Neal Holliman serves as head coach. Assistants are Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims.

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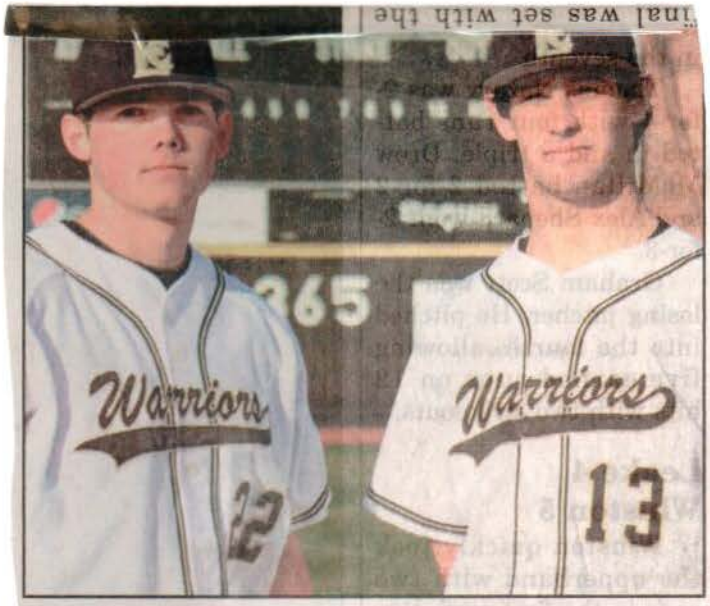

Leake County Warriors

These student-athletes from Leake County are members of the 2014 East Central Community College baseball team. From left are sophomore first baseman Caleb Woods (22) of Carthage, a product of Leake Central High School, and freshman left-handed pitcher/outfielder Will Myers (13) of Philadelphia, a graduate of Leake Academy. (EC Photo)

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Jones County Junior College's Chris Morgan beats the throw back to second against East Central Community College's Hunter Thrower during a pick off attempt Tuesday in Decatur. Inset below, ECCC's Ryan Ward tags out JCJC's Stephen Stigleis on an attempted steal at second base Tuesday.

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Jones County JC earns doubleheader sweep over East Central CC

By Reed DeSalvo
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The Jones County Junior College baseball team proved why it's currently the top-ranked team in the latest NJCAA poll.

On Tuesday, the Bobcats swept a doubleheader over MACJC South division foe East Central Community College, 4-0 and 5-1, at Clark/Gay Memorial Field.

JCJC (23-1, 4-0) received dominating pitching performances from Lane Ratliff in Game 1 and Daniel Goff in the second game. The two pitchers combined to toss 12 scoreless innings, striking out 16 batters and allowed just seven hits.

"It's great anytime you got guys on the bump that can hold the runs down," Jones County coach Christian Ostrander said. "If you get those kind of quality starts out of your pitchers, you're going to have the chance to win."

Despite emerging victorious in Game 1, Ostrander was not pleased with his team's overall performance.

"4-0 game, some people would think that was good, but we didn't play a good ball game," Ostrander said. "I didn't think that we played great defense, we didn't hit the ball like we are capable of... I just thought we could have competed a little bit better."

In the first game, the visiting Bobcats opened the scoring in the third with two runs. Steven Stiglets began the frame with a sharp single to center. Following a sacrifice bunt and a hit batsman, Trent Giambrone singled to left-center to load the bases. Stiglets came home on a Tyler Graves RBI groundout and Stark later scored on an ECCC fielding error.

East Central (9-13, 3-3) posted their best scoring threat in the sixth. Trailing 2-0, Ben Cooley pinch hit and slapped a single to right to begin the frame. Following a sacrifice and a groundout, the next two Warriors batters base safely. With the bases loaded, Ratliff (2-0) managed to induce a weak ground ball to escape unscathed.

"You have to have a clear mind," Ratliff said. "You can't let anything get to you. That's what coach (Ostrander) preaches to us. To stay in your zone and stay the same throughout the whole game."

Jones County added two insurance runs in the seventh on Josh Pankratz's sharp single to center with the bases loaded.

In Game 2, Ostrander acknowledged that his squad

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ECCC Diamond Warrior Leadership Council

Leadership Council members for the 2014 East Central Community College baseball team include seated, from left, right-handed pitcher Mason Woodrow of Taylorsville, infielder/outfielder Maxwell Harmon of Enterprise and first baseman/outfielder John Morgan Berry of Madison Central, who also serve as team captains; and standing, right-handed pitcher Conner West of Taylorsville, outfielder/left-handed pitcher Jake Bush of Brookwood, Ala. High School; and first baseman Caleb Woods of Leake Central. Also pictured is Diamond Warrior head coach Neal Holliman. Council members were recognized at the eighth annual First Pitch Dinner held Saturday, Feb. 1 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. The Diamond Warriors are the defending MACJC State Baseball Champions. (EC Photo)

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Pitching dominates in ECCC's twinball sweep

From school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College right-hander Kyle Fultz hurled a shut-out in the first game and three pitchers combined talents for a no-hitter in the nightcap in leading the Diamond Warriors to a doubleheader sweep of Baton Rouge Community College Wednesday.

East Central won the opener 3-0 and cruised 6-1 in the second contest to improve to 11-15 overall.

Fultz, a transfer from Southwest (Tenn.) Community College, went the distance in the nine-inning battle. He fanned eight batters and allowed five hits. Fultz is a product of Covington (Tenn.) High School.

Cody Daigle and Dylan Little lead the EC offense, as each slapped a run-scoring single. Daigle is a product of Parkview Baptist (La.) High School and Little hails from Mary G. Montgomery (Ala.) High School.

Other hitters were Todd Hughes of Clarkdale, double and single; and Chance Whitten of South Panola, single.

In the second game, right-handers Ty Hendrix and Conner West, and southpaw Zach Mowdy were superb on the mound in shutting down the Baton Rouge offense.

Hendrix went six innings and allowed the one run. He fanned six batters and walked two. Hendrix is a product of East Webster High School.

West hurled 2/3 inning. The Taylorsville High School product fanned two batters and walked one.

Mowdy went 1/3 inning. He is a product of Union High School.

Kyle McCullough homered, and Caleb Woods belted a two-run single to lead the EC offense. McCullough is a product of Madison Ridgeland Academy, and Woods hails from Leake Central High School.

Other hitter were Daigle, two singles and RBI; Hunter Thrower of Southeast Lauderdale, RBI single; and Maxwell Harmon of Enterprise and Jake Bush of Brookwood (Ala.) High School, singles each.

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EC posts 3-1 mark to open division play

From school reports

East Central Community College's baseball squad began MACJC South Division competition with a doubleheader sweep of MS Gulf Coast Community College and a twin bill split with Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

The Diamond Warriors registered 11-7 and 3-1 victories over Gulf Coast on March 12 in Perkinston. They journeyed to Co-Lin's Wesson campus on March 15, where they fell 8-7 in the opener and rallied for a 10-6 win in the nightcap.

In the first win over Gulf Coast, several Diamond Warriors collected multiple hits to lead the offense.

John Morgan Berry of Madison Central belted two doubles and a single, and Dylan Little of Mary G. Montgomery (Ala.) High School and Ryan Ward of Madison Ridgeland Academy, each had a double and two singles. Berry and Ward were also credited with two RBIs each.

Other sluggers were Chance Whitten of South Panola, double and single; Jake Bush of Brookwood (Ala.) High School, double and RBI; Cody Daigle of Parkview Baptist (La.) High School and Cojuante McMillian of Hamilton, single and RBI; and Hunter Thrower of Southeast Lauderdale and Lane Fazende of Pearl River Central, singles each.

Ward was also the winning pitcher. The right-hander went 2 1/3 innings and allowed one earned run on two hits. He also fanned three batters.

In the second contest, Berry drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning for a 3-2 lead and EC held on for the victory.

Ward led the offense with a double and single. Little and Daigle had singles each.

Thrower and Whitten were credited with an RBI each.

Ty Hendrix picked up the win, as the right-hander from East Webster High School allowed one earned run on six innings through 6 2/3 innings. He fanned eight batters and walked four.

In the first matchup with Co-Lin, EC jumped out to a 2-0 lead but the home standing Wolves rallied for the victory.

Bush had two singles, knocked in a run and scored twice to pace the Diamond Warrior offense.

Other hitters were Whitten and Ward, two singles each; Ben Cooley of South Jones, triple and RBI; Little, single and two RBIs; and Daigle and Caleb Woods of Leake Central, single and RBI each.

Bush took the loss on the mound. He hurled one-third inning and allowed one earned run on three hits. He also walked a batter.

In the nightcap, Whitten led the offense with a double and two singles. He also knocked in a run.

Other sluggers were Daigle, two singles and two RBIs; Berry, two singles and RBI; Little, single and two RBIs; and Fazende, single and RBI.

Nick Wilson picked up the win. The southpaw from Terry went two innings and allowed one earned run on one hit. He also fanned three batters and walked one.

The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims.

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ECCC, Hinds split doubleheader

From school reports

JACKSON — After falling 6-5 in the opener, East Central Community College's baseball squad rallied for 2-1 decision to split a twin bill with Hinds Community College Tuesday.

East Central's record stands at 14-15 overall and 6-6 in league play following the split. The Diamond Warriors are currently second in the MACJC South Division. The Eagles are 9-3 in league play and tied with Jones County at the top spot. Hinds is 19-12 overall.

In the first contest, the score was tied 1-1 until the fourth inning, when the visitors scored four runs. EC responded with three runs in the bottom of the frame and added another run in the fifth to deadlock the score at 5-5. Hinds scored the go-ahead run in the sixth and held on for the victory.

Jake Bush slapped a two-run single to lead the offense. Bush is a product of Brookwood (Ala.) High School.

John Morgan Berry of Madison Central contributed a run-scoring double and Cody Daigle was credited with a single and RBI. Diagle is a product of Parkview Baptist (La.) High School.

Zach Mowdy took the loss. The freshman southpaw from Union hurled 1/3 inning and walked a batter.

Starter Kyle Fultz went 3 1/3 innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits. He also walked a batter. Fultz is a transfer from Southwest Tennessee Community College and resident of Covington, Tenn.

In the second game, Hinds grabbed a 1-0 lead in the third inning but the Diamond Warriors rallied to tie the contest in the fourth. EC won the game on Harmon's walk-off bunt that scored Ben Cooley in the bottom of the seventh. Cooley is a product of South Jones High School.

Other EC hitters were Will Myers of Leake Academy, double; and Bush, Chance Whitten of South Panola and Lane Fazende of Pearl River Central, singles each. Whitten scored the game-tying run.

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ECCC's Fultz delivers pitch

Sophomore pitcher Kale Fultz delivers a pitch in the first game of East Central Community College's twin bill with Hinds Community College Tuesday, April 1 at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex. Fultz went 3 1/3 innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits in a 6-5 loss to the visiting Eagles. The Diamond Warriors rallied for a 2-1 victory in the nightcap. Fultz received MACJC Pitcher of the Week honors following the Diamond Warriors' 3-0 shutout of Baton Rouge on March 26. Fultz went the distance in the nine-inning battle and fanned eight batters. Fultz is a transfer from Southwest Tennessee Community College and resident of Covington, Tenn. (EC Photo)

Diamond Warriors split with Gulf Coast

After nine lead changes, Cojuante McMillian gave East Central Community College the game-winning run as the Hamilton High School product crossed home plate following an error by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Bulldogs in a 7-6, eight-inning victory Saturday on the Decatur campus.

EC rallied from a 16-7 loss in the nine-inning opener to gain a split of the MACJC South Division doubleheader at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex. A seven-inning battle was scheduled in the second game but the contest went into extra innings tied at 6-6.

In the nightcap, Jake Bush led the offense with a two-run single.

Maxwell Harmon of Enterprise and Dylan Little of Mary G. (Montgomery) High School each contributed run-scoring singles.

Other hitters were Cody Daigle of Parkview Baptist (La.) High School, two singles; and Ryan Ward of Madison Ridgeland Academy, Zach May of Newton County High School and McMillian, singles each.

Runs were scored by May (2), McMillian (2), Ward, Harmon and Bush.

Will Myers picked up the win in relief. The southpaw from Leake Academy went 2 1/3 innings and allowed one earned run on one hit. He fanned two batters and walked one.

Starter Mason Woodrow went five innings and allowed three earned runs on seven hits. He fanned four batters and walked five. Woodrow is a right-hander from Taylorsville.

Bush was on the mound for two-thirds of an inning and allowed two hits. He also walked a batter.

In the first game, the visitors held an 11-0 lead in the third inning until the Diamond Warriors pushed across three runs in the bottom of the frame. EC cut the deficit to 11-7 in the seventh but Gulf Coast responded with five runs in the eighth and held on for the victory.

Little had two singles and knocked in three runs and Whitten was credited with two singles and two RBIs to lead the offense. Daigle had two singles and one RBI and Bush was credited with an RBI single.

Other sluggers were Harmon, two singles; McMillian and Lane Fazende of Pearl River Central, singles each.

Runs were scored by Hunter Thrower (2) of Southeast Lauderdale, Whitten (2), Harmon, Bush and McMillian.

Starter Cory Kitchens took the loss.

EC host Copiah-Lincoln Community College Wednesday. The twin bill begins at 3 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

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Daigle tags Hinds runner

East Central Community College first baseman Cody Daigle tags a Hinds Community College base runner during the first game of a twin bill Tuesday, April 1 at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex. EC fell 6-5 in the opener but rallied for a 2-1 victory in the nightcap. Daigle also had an RBI single in the first game. He is a product of Parkview Baptist (La.) High School. (EC Photo)

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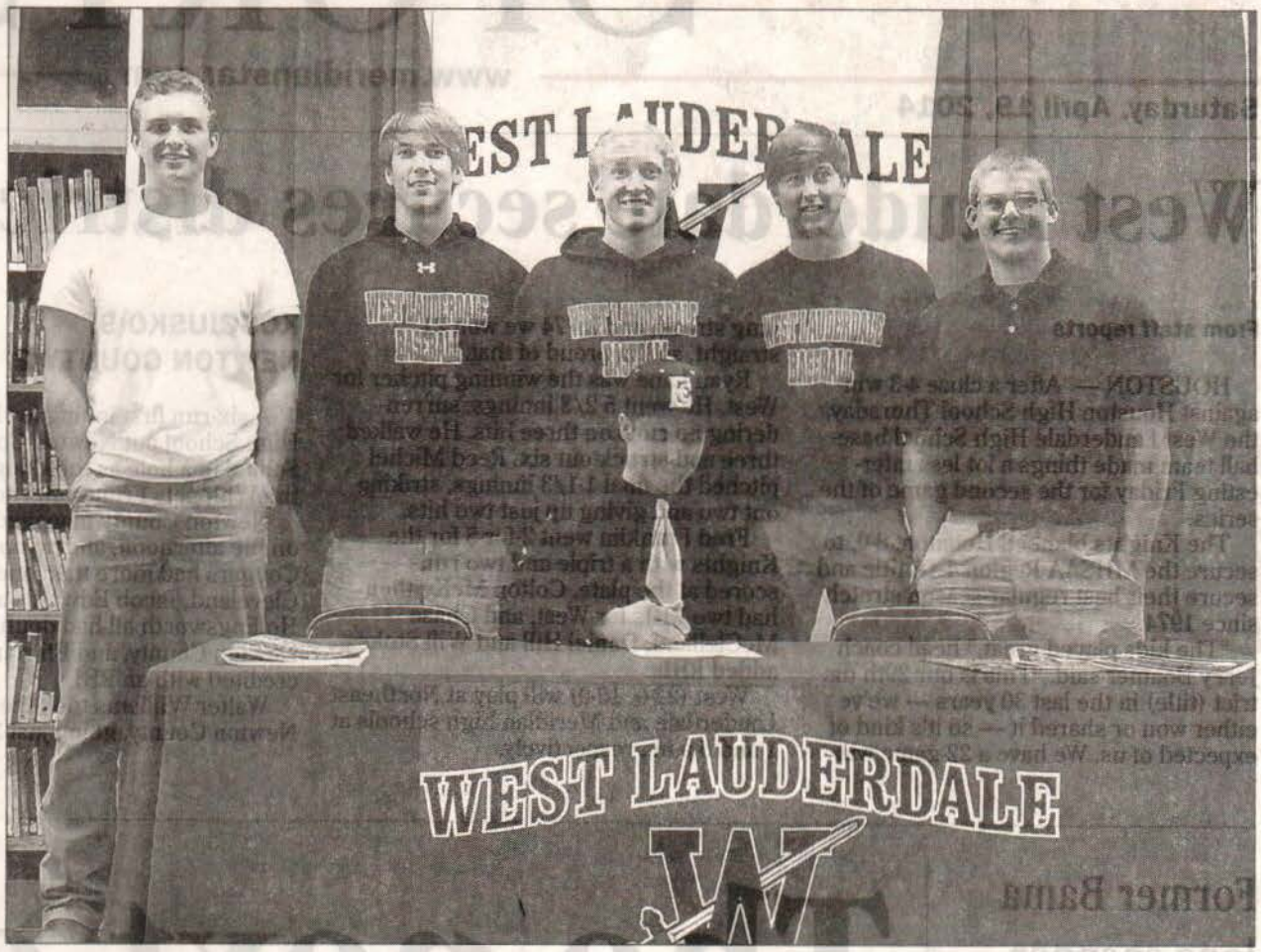
West Lauderdale baseball signees



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Six West Lauderdale High School baseball players have signed to play college baseball. They are, from left, standing, Blake Anderson (Southern Mississippi), Ryan Lane (Meridian Community College), Will Stokes (Ole Miss), Daniel Hill (Meridian CC) and Colton McKeithen (East Mississippi Community College); seated, Mason Wooldridge (East Central Community College).

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ECCC sophomores honored

Sophomores on the 2014 East Central Community College baseball team received special recognition during the regular season home finale with Lawson State Community College held Friday at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur. The honorees are shown with family members and special friends during a pre-game ceremony. From left are outfielder/first baseman John Morgan Berry (27), a product of Madison Central High School; right-handed pitcher Courtney Forbes (7) of Columbia and a transfer from Southwest Mississippi Community College; outfielder/left-handed pitcher Jake Bush (4), Brookwood (Ala.) High School; right-handed pitcher Kale Fultz (34) of Covington, Tenn., and a transfer from Southwest Tennessee Community College; infielder/outfielder Maxwell Harmon (10), Enterprise; right-handed pitcher Ty Hendrix (20), East Webster; outfielder Zach May (8), Newton County High School; right-handed pitchers Conner West (18) and Mason Woodrow (9), both of Taylorsville; and first baseman Caleb Woods (22), Leake Central. Also pictured (third from right) are ECCC baseball assistants Ronald Sims and Scott DeLoach and head Neal Holliman, who presented players with framed photographs. EC won the twin bill by scores of 3-2 and 4-0. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF April 20, 2014

ECCC baseball sweeps doubleheader from Lawson State

From school reports

Decatur — East Central Community College's baseball team posted a pair of victories over Lawson State Community College during the regular season home finale held Friday, April 18, 2014, at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex in Decatur. Sophomore players were also recognized during the non-division matchups.

The Diamond Warriors held on for a 3-2 decision in the opener and blanked the visitors 4-0 in the nightcap to improve to 19-21 overall. EC remains 9-11 in the MACJC South Division. In the first game, ChanceWhitten led the offense with two singles and two RBIs. Whitten is a product of South Panola High School.

Other hitters were John Morgan Berry of Madison Central, RBI single; and Ben Cooley of South Jones, Dylan Little of Mary G. Montgomery (Ala.) High School, Cody Daigle of Parkview Baptist (La.) High School and Kyle McCullough of Madison Ridgeland Academy, singles each.

Runs were scored by Hunter Thrower of Southeast Lauderdale, Daigle and McCullough. Mason Woodrow recorded the win. He allowed one earned run on four hits through four innings. He also fanned four batters and walked three. The sophomore right-hander is a product of Taylorsville High School.

Offensive leaders in the second contest included Berry, who belted an RBI double; and Lane Fazende of Pearl River Central and Zach May of Newton County, who each contributed RBI singles. Other hitters were Little, McCullough and Maxwell Harmon of Enterprise, singles each.

Runs were scored by Little, Berry and McCullough (2).

Ty Hendrix was the winning pitcher. Hendrix hurled two scoreless innings and fanned two batters. He also walked a batter. Hendrix is a product of East Webster High School.

EC returns to division action by traveling to Southwest Mississippi Community College Wednesday, April 23. The doubleheader starts at 3 p.m. on the Summit campus.

The Diamond Warriors journey to Hinds Community College Saturday, April 26, for a twin bill beginning at 2 p.m. on the Raymond campus.

Regular season competition concludes Monday, April 28, when EC travels to Meridian Community College. The doubleheader starts at 3 p.m. on the MCC campus.

EC's baseball program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims.

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WEEK OF April 27, 2014

East Central takes opener over Lions

From school reports

SCOOBA – Chance Whitten's two-out, two-run double in the eighth inning lifted visiting East Central Community College to a 4-3 victory over eighth-ranked East Mississippi Community College Friday night in game one of an MACJC baseball playoff series being held at EMCC's Gerald Poole Field.

Game 2 of the best-of-three playoff series is set for a 2 p.m. start Saturday with a third and deciding game, if necessary, immediately following. Saturday's action will be video-streamed live on www.EMCCAthletics.com/live.

East Central got on the scoreboard first when leadoff hitter Maxwell Harmon greeted EMCC starting pitcher Andrew Crane with a solo blast over the left-field wall. Later in the first, the defending MACJC state baseball champions picked up an unearned run when Kyle McCullouch singled home Dylan Little, who reached base on an infield single and advanced to second via an errant throw on the putout attempt before being driven home.

As Crane settled in by throwing five subsequent scoreless innings of no-hit baseball following the two-run first, the Lions claimed their first lead of the game with a three-run sixth. After Chase Nyman led off the frame with a single, LeDarious Clark tied the game at 2-2 with a two-run blast to left-center field off ECCC starting pitcher Kale Fultz. The homer was Clark's fourth of the year and ninth of his collegiate career. Following a two-out walk to Trent Waddell, Tyler Odom greeted reliever Conner West with a go-ahead RBI double off the left-field wall.

The Lions carried their precarious 3-2 lead into the eighth with sophomore closer Conner Burton on the mound. The inning started off innocently enough for EMCC with two quick outs. McCullouch's infield single was followed by a walk to Cody Daigle to set up Whitten's eventual game-winning double to the opposite field that plated both McCullouch and pinch-runner Gage Sullivan.

East Mississippi managed to get the potential tying run to third base during each of the final two innings but could not produce the clutch hit. Odom's fly out to right field stranded Chase Reeves at third in the eighth, while Nyman got caught looking at a full-count third strike thrown by Will Myers to end the contest with pinch-hitter Blake Key at third.

Head coach Chris Rose's EMCC Lions, MACJC North Division baseball champions for the first time since 1998, fell to 31-12 overall with just their fourth home loss of the season. The East Central Warriors, seeded fourth in the MACJC's South Division, improved to 21-24 with the series-opening victory.

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Diamond Warriors swept Southwest

Post-season hopes are still alive for the East Central Community College baseball team despite a doubleheader loss to Southwest Mississippi Community College Wednesday, April 23 in Summit.

The Diamond Warriors were edged 8-7 in the first contest and fell 7-3 in nightcap.

EC is currently tied for fourth place in the MACJC South Division with MS Gulf Coast. Both teams are 9-13 in league play.

Jones County leads the division at 17-5, followed by Hinds at 16-6; and Pearl River at 11-11.

The top four teams qualify for a best-of-three series, with the winner advancing to the MACJC State Baseball Tournament. (Southwest is 9-15 and Co-Lin, 7-15).

In the first game with Southwest, EC scored five runs in the top of the ninth for a 7-6 lead, only to have the Bears score twice in the bottom of the frame to claim the victory.

Chance Whitten led the Diamond Warriors with a triple and three singles. He was credited with three RBIs.

Other hitters were Hunter Thrower of Southeast Lauderdale and Zach May of Newton County, two singles and RBI; and Maxwell Harmon of Enterprise and Dylan Little of Mary G. Montgomery (Ala.) High School, two singles each; and Kyle McCullough of Madison Ridgeland Academy and Jake Bush of Brookwood (Ala.) High School, singles each.

Runs were scored by Harmon, Little, McCullough, Bush, Whitten, Cojuante McMillian of Hamilton and Ryan Ward of Madison Ridgeland Academy.

In the second game, Southwest jumped out to a 5-0 first-inning lead and held on for the win. EC scored two runs in the second inning and one in the seventh.

Little led the offense with two singles and an RBI. Thrower contributed an RBI single, and Harmon and Whitten had singles each.

Runs were scored by Bush, Whitten and Todd Hughes of Clarkdale.

The Diamond Warriors travel to Hinds Community College Saturday, April 26. The division doubleheader begins at 2 p.m. on the Raymond campus.

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Special to The Star

Newton County Academy senior pitcher Zach Skelton, seated, signs a letter of intent to play baseball for East Central Community College next year. Pictured with him are, standing from left, NCA head baseball coach Ryan Glover; Zach's parents, Patty and Kennith Skelton; and his grandmother Beverly Skelton.

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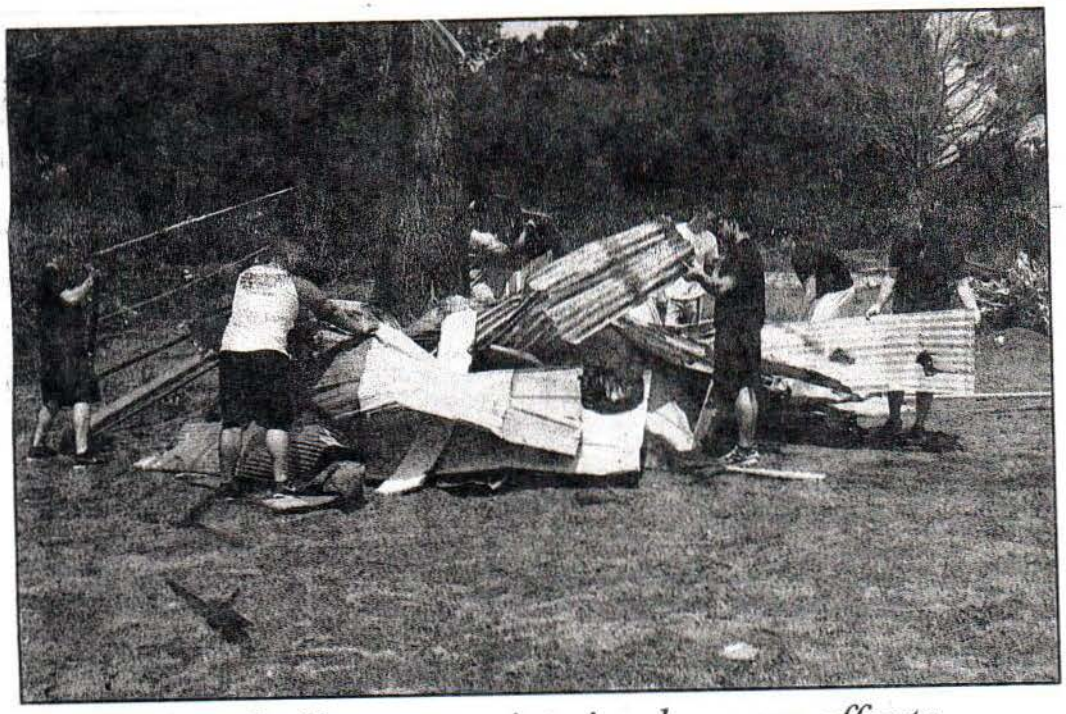

ECCC baseball team assists in clean-up efforts

Members of East Central Community College's baseball team assisted in clean-up efforts following the April 28 tornado that damaged several areas in Decatur. In the above photo, Diamond Warriors are shown picking up tin that was blown off cart houses at Decatur Country Club, which received extensive damage. The ECCC athletes spent several hours helping clean up the golf course as one of their many community service projects. EC's baseball program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims, who also participated in the clean-up efforts. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 4, 2014

EC baseball advances to state title series

From school reports

After winning the best-of-three series with North top seed East Mississippi Community College May 2-3 in Scooba, East Central Community College's baseball team can now set its sights on claiming a second-straight MACJC State Baseball Championship.

The Diamond Warriors, who qualified for the post-season playoff series as the No. 4 South squad, rallied for a 4-3 win over the home standing Lions in first-round action Friday, May 2, fell 7-1 in the second contest Saturday afternoon, then rebounded for a resounding 12-3 victory in the rubber game Saturday night to advance to this week's state tournament at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

East Central begins the double-elimination event by taking on Hinds Community College at noon Thursday, May 8. Jones County and the host Tigers battle at 4 p.m.

A pair of elimination games are on tap for Friday, May 9, with the losers of games one and two meeting at 10 a.m. The loser of that contest concludes their season while the winner secures its spot in the Region 23 Tournament.

The two winners of Thursday's matchups battle at 1 p.m. with a berth to the title game on the line. The loser of that game must rebound quickly for an elimination contest set to begin at 4 p.m.

The 2014 MACJC State Championship game will begin at noon Saturday, May 10 with an "if necessary contest" to follow at approximately 3 p.m.

All games are nine-inning contests.

Admission is $5 each day at Harold T. White Field. Tournament T-shirts will also be on sale for $15 while special game-day programs cost $2 at the entrance.

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ECCC readies for tourney

By Reed DeSalvo
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Coming off a 2013 MACJC State Tournament title, East Central Community College coach Neal Holliman and his squad find themselves able to defend that title despite having suffered through an injury-riddled and lackluster season.

Yet the Warriors (20-24) had fortune on their side as they managed to sneak into postseason play with a sub .500 record, serving as the No. 4 seed in the South Division.

ECCC began its postseason run last weekend with an upset over the North's No. 1 seed, East Mississippi Community College, defeating the Lions in a best-of-three series, 2-1.

"We played really good defensively," Holliman said. "We had timely hitting in Game 1 and a tremendous pitching performance from Kyle Fultz."

After dropping Game 2, 7-1, the Warriors rebounded in capitalizing on a pair of six-run innings to knock off EMCC Game 3, 12-3.

"I told them (after Game 2) that if we don't play any better than that, then there's no chance of winning Game 3," Holliman said. "We obviously played a lot better and were able to swing the bats."

And battling back from a disappointing outing is nothing new for Holliman and his squad.

"We've have had several opportunities this season to bounce back from a bad performance," Holliman said. "It's been an up-and-down year, and (we've been) trying to find the right lineup."

Part of ECCC's recent surge has been due in large part to the health of the middle infield, Hunter Thrower and Maxwell Harmon, both of whom missed a significant amount of time this season due to injury.

"We didn't get our middle infield back and settled until 25 games into the season," said Holliman.

Additionally, part of the Warriors' early-season struggles stemmed from virtually an entire new

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squad from the 2013 campaign.

"I still don't think we've peaked," Holliman said. "We've battled some injuries early on. We had 22 new guys into our program, with 20 of them being freshman ... It took some time to make some things happen. We've lost some close games, but we're a lot better than what some people have thought."

ECCC will have the opportunity to continue to prove the doubters wrong at noon Thursday against Hinds Community College in the opening game of the double-elimination MACJC State Tournament.

The two teams previously squared off four times this season, with each winning two games in the season series.

"It's two evenly matched teams," Holliman said. I feel like we know the guy real well that's probably going to be throwing for them, and they probably know the guy we'll be pitching for us. They've got a very solid ball club. Whoever can play the best on that given day (will win)."

And while Holliman's focus remains on the matchup against Hinds, the sixth year coach continues to do is due dilligence in order for his team to emerge as tournament champions.

"The bottom line is that you can only worry about the game that is right in front of you at the present time," he said. "You have to win Game 1 to put you in the winner's bracket, and that puts you in position to win the whole tournament. But I am also mapping out a game plan in order to win the tournament, and not just a single game. If you have absolutely nothing available after winning the game or two games, you're not going to win the tournament.

"Whoever makes the crucial plays (will win), and it might even come down to getting some lucky breaks in determining who wins the tournament."

While the tournament means a great deal to the Warriors, last week's tragic storms inspired Holliman and his squad to take part in a community project for the city of Decatur.

"It was a great community project for us to take part of," Holliman said. "To help Mike Anderson, who runs the country club and used to be an employee of (ECCC) to help him try to clean up. We have several players and former players from the Louisville area. They've got lives that are lost, and houses that are lost, and their lives have been really turned upside down.

"In the overall scheme of things, (baseball) is not nearly as important as we sometimes make it out to be."

With the terrible weather behind them, and a chance at serving as back-to-back state tournament champions, Holliman says it will come down to his hitters registering quality at bats each time at the plate.

"It's being a tough and continuous out throughout the entire lineup," Holliman said. I feel like we're going to play sound defensively, and we'll pitch well, and that we're going to give ourselves an opportunity to win. You have to have quality at-bats to compete at this time of the year."

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WEEK OF May 4, 2014

Warriors see baseball season come to end in second round

By Austin Bishop
The Winston County Journal

The Nanih Waiya baseball team saw its run at a fourth straight trip to the MHSAA Class 1A State Baseball Championship Series come to an end on Saturday with a 4-3 loss to Sacred Heart.

The Saturday win gave SH the playoff series win two games to one and ended Nanih Waiya's season at 16-7.

"They hit the ball well," said Nanih Waiya head coach Tyler Rogers. "They have a couple guys who can really hit. We hardly got them out all weekend. We didn't throw well Thursday and Friday, but we pitche it well on Saturday."

Sacred Heart won th opener 11-2 in Nanil Waiya, before th Warriors took a 12-1(road win ir Hattiesburg in the second game. Sacred Heart then scored a run in the top of the seventh to take a 4-3 win in the third game on Saturday.

Rogers thought for a moment that Nanih Waiya had won the game in the bottom of the seventh when Wyatt Ball unleashed a bomb to right center that was caught just short of the wall for the final out.

"I really thought it was gone when he hit it," Rogers said.

Nanih Waiya actually held a 2-0 lead over Sacred Heart going into the sixth inning of the first game, before Sacred Heart hit for six runs in the sixth and five in the seventh.

"We let that one get away from us," Rogers said.

Nanih Waiya held a 10-1 lead in the second game, before the Crusaders began to fight back. "Just about everybody in our line up had a hit in that game," Rogers said.

Isaiah Eiland, who had a big day at the plate for the Warriors on the weekend, had a double on Saturday, as did Garrett Miles.

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WEEK OF May 11, 2014

ECCC qualifies for Region 23

From staff reports

The East Central Community College baseball team has qualified for the Region 23 baseball tournament, scheduled to begin May 15 on the campus of Jones County Junior College.

The Warriors are slated to face Jones County in its opening contest at 6 p.m. Thursday May 15.

Other schools participating in the double-elimination tournament include Hinds Community College and LSU-Eunice.

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ECCC falls in MACJC tourney, finishes third

A second-straight MACJC State Baseball Championship was not to be for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors who fell 9-8 to Hinds Community College in an elimination game late Friday.

East Central, which fell 12-1 to the Eagles in first-round action Thursday, May 8, defeated tournament host Northeast Mississippi Community College 12-4 late Friday to clinch a spot in this week's Region 23 Baseball Tournament scheduled May 15-17 and hosted by the state champion Jones County Junior College Bobcats in Ellisville.

The Diamond Warriors (23-27) battle Jones County (43-9) at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 15, in the double-elimination event. Hinds (32-18) and LSU-Eunice (41-11) meet at 2 p.m.

Hinds 13
East Central 4

The Eagles scored six runs on the second inning to pull away from the Diamond Warriors and win the first game of the MACJC State Tournament 13-4.

EC trailed 6-0 before Maxwell Harmon broke up Casey Sutton's no-hit bid with a leadoff single and later rounded the bases on a fielding error.

Kyle McCullough contributed an RBI single to cut the Hinds advantage to 6-2.

Jake Bush later doubled for his second hit of the game and knocked in two runs to close the gap to 6-4 at the seventh-inning stretch.

But the Eagles responded with five runs in the bottom of the frame and held on for the win.

Starter Kale Fultz took the loss. He went 5-1/3 innings and allowed two earned runs on nine hits. He also fanned three batters and walked two.

East Central 12
Northeast MS 4

The Diamond Warriors scored nine straight runs between the sixth and eighth innings to pull away from the host Tigers and claim a 12-4 decision Friday, May 9 in the first elimination game.

Fazende got the rally started in the sixth with a two-RBI triple to left-centerfield that scored McCullough and Cojuante McMillian of Hamilton.

EC added two runs in the seventh when Hunter Thrower and Little scored following John Morgan Berry's single to left field.

A five-run eighth frame – during which McCullough and Berry both had RBI hits - put the game out of reach for Northeast, which completed season action with a record of 27-20.

May led the EC offense with a triple, double and three singles. He finished the contest with four RBIs.

Other sluggers included Caleb Woods of Leake Central with an RBI single and one run scored.

Conner West got the win in relief. He pitched 2 2/3 scoreless innings, fanned a batter and walked one.

Hinds 9
East Central 8

After trailing 6-0, the Diamond Warriors scored eight runs over two innings to take an 8-6 lead.

Berry's RBI double and McCullough's RBI single pulled EC within 6-5 with no outs in the sixth. EC tied the contest on a wild pitch and jumped ahead on Harmon's two-RBI single.

But the Eagles responded with three runs in the bottom of the sixth and held on for the win in the elimination contest.

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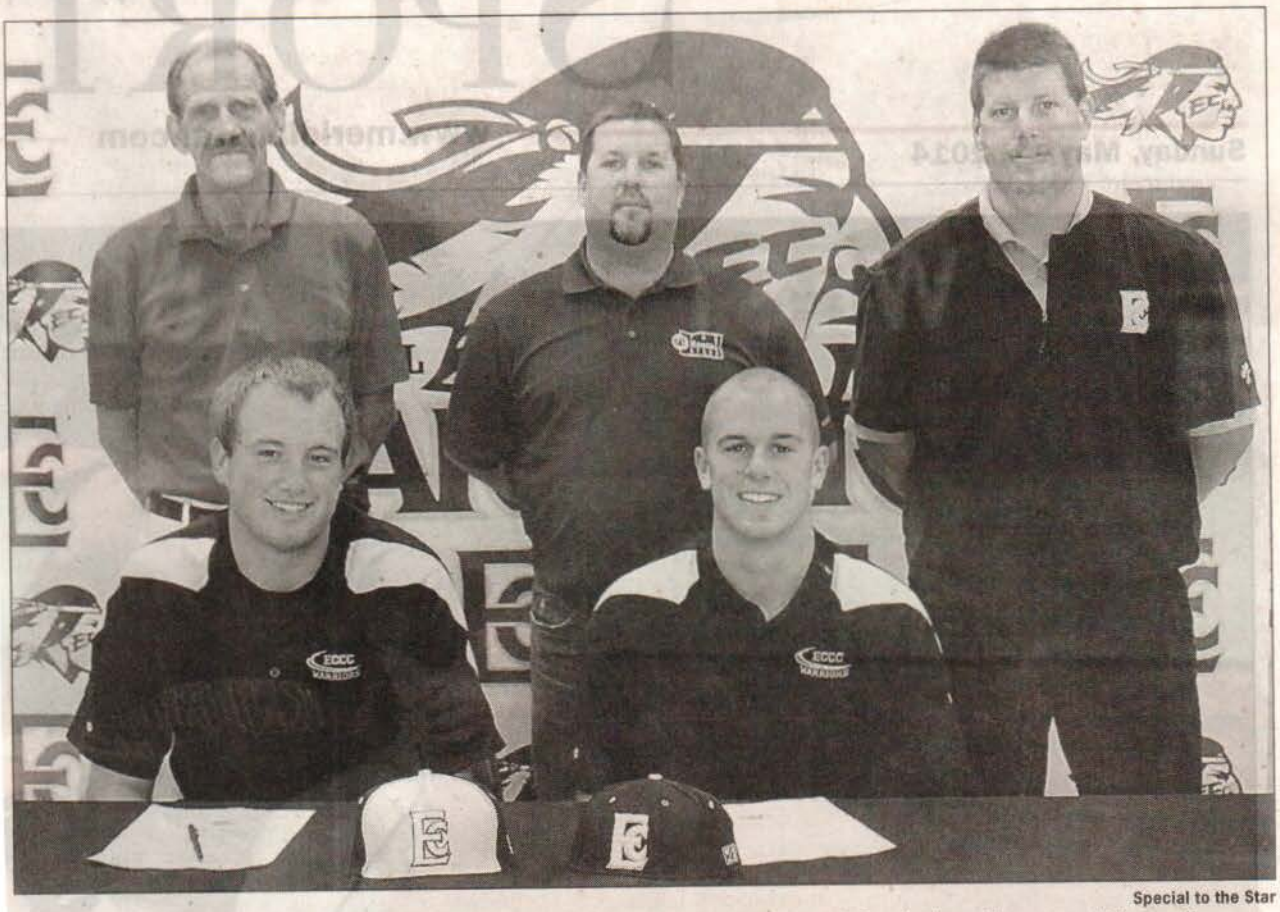
ECCC standouts moving to next level



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East Central Community College baseball standouts, from left, Kale Fultz of Covington, Tenn., and Maxwell Harmon of Enterprise, recently signed national letters of intent to continue their careers on the university level. Fultz, a 6-5 right-handed pitcher and transfer from Southwest Tennessee Community College, signed with Nichols State University in Thibodaux, La. Harmon, a 5-11 shortstop, inked with the University of West Alabama in Livingston. He is a former standout at Enterprise High School. Also pictured are, from left, standing, Roger Perry, Fultz's grandfather; and Steve Harmon, Maxwell's father.

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WEEK OF May 18, 2014

Diamond Warriors' season comes to an end

ELLISVILLE – A three-run seventh inning proved to be decisive for the top-ranked Jones County Junior College Bobcats here Thursday in the Region 23 Tournament at Community Bank Park.

The Bobcats broke a 2-2 tie with East Central Community College and went on to defeat the Warriors, 6-4.

The win lifted JCJC, 44-9, into a winner's bracket game. ECCC would later be eliminated by LSU-Eunice, 12-4.

With the game knotted at 2-2, Carter Polles led off the inning with a drive to left for a double. Fultz was then replaced by Connor West.

Stephen Stiglets then sacrificed, but first baseman John Morgan Berry could not field the throw from catcher Lane Fazende. The ball got away and Polles scored all the way from first base to make it 3-2.

Chris Morgan and Trent Giambrone were then each hit by pitches to load the bases with no outs. Mason Woodrow then replaced West.

Tyler Graves then singled to right to make it 4-2. After a fly out, Chase Hensley was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to force home Morgan to make it 5-2.

But the Warriors came back in the top of the eighth.

Will Simon replaced Stringer at the start of the inning and was greeted by an infield single by pinch-hitter Jake Bush. Dylan Little drew a walk and Berry then singled to load the bases with no outs.

Daniel Goff then entered in relief for JCJC. Kyle McCullouch's fielder's choice scored Bush. McCullouch then took second when Cody Daigle struck out and the ball got away from Graves for a wild pitch.

Little was then balked home to make it 5-4, but Goff got pinch-hitter Caleb Woods on a strikeout to end the inning.

JCJC got an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth when Stiglets led off with a single. He advanced to third on a two-base error on an errant pick off throw and scored on Morgan's sacrifice fly to deep center.

Goff then retired the side in order in the ninth to post his first save.

East Central scored the game's first run in the top of the first when Little singled with two outs. Berry then singled and Little scored all the way from first on a throwing error.

JCJC tied it in the bottom of the first.

Morgan led off with a single and Giambrone reached on a fielder's choice. Giambrone stole second and scored on a single by Graves.

East Central took a 2-1 lead in the third when Maxwell Harmon reached on an infield single and was sacrificed to second by Hunter Thrower. Berry's two-out double scored Harmon.

The Bobcats tied it at 2-2 in the fourth.

Graves led off with a walk and Jordan Stark singled. Hensley sacrificed the runners and after Alex Shermer was intentionally walked to load the bases, Josh Pankratz's sacrifice fly to left scored Graves.

Stringer went the first seven innings and recorded his nation's best 12th victory. He allowed two runs (one earned), seven hits, walked none and struck out six. Goff tossed the final two innings, allowed no hits or walks and struck out four.

Polles and Shermer each doubled and singled, while Graves singled twice and drove in two runs for JCJC. Morgan, Giambrone, Stark, Hensley and Stiglets added singles.

Fultz went six-plus innings and took the loss. He gave up three runs (all earned), eight hits, walked two and struck out one. West faced three batters and failed to retire one. He gave up two runs (one earned) and no hits. Woodrow went 1/3 of an inning and gave up one hit and no runs. Cory Kitchens went 1 2/3 innings, allowed one unearned run, two hits and struck out one.

Berry doubled and singled twice for East Central, while Daigle singled twice. Zach May had a double, while Bush and Little singled.

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EC Diamond Warriors receiving diplomas

A "special" graduation ceremony was held for the above East Central Community College baseball players who were unable to attend the college's 85th Commencement Saturday, May 10, 2014, due to their participating in the MACJC State Baseball Tournament hosted by Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

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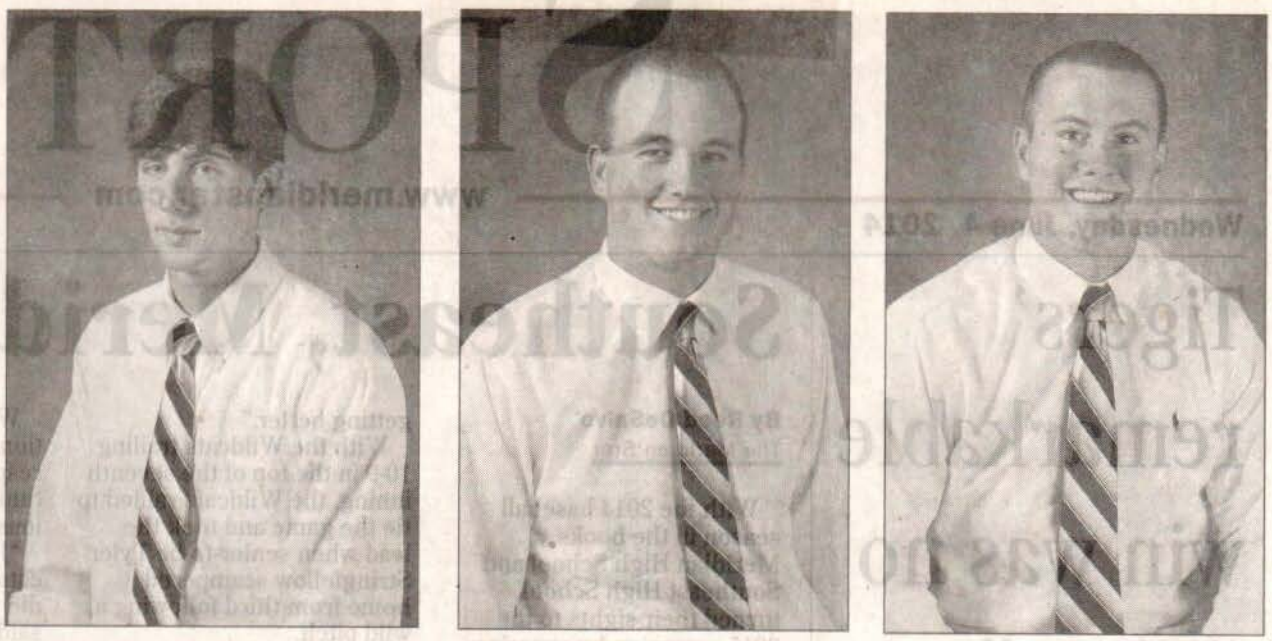

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ECCC Scholar Athletes

Members of the East Central Community College baseball team Caleb Woods, left, of Carthage, and Maxwell Harmon of Meridian are co-recipients of the Scholar Athlete Award presented at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Both athletes earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages. Woods is a product of Leake Central High School and Harmon hails from Enterprise High School. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and Warrior head coach Neal Holliman presented awards. (EC Photo)

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ECCC First Pitcher Dinner speaker

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ECCC FIRST PITCH DINNER

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East Central Community College head baseball coach Neal Holliman addresses a large crowd in attendance for the eighth annual First Pitch Dinner held Saturday, Feb. 1 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. The event is held to recognize team members and program supporters in preparation for the new season. This year's event featured Mississippi State University associate head baseball/pitching coach Butch Thompson as guest speaker. **At left,** ECCC's First Pitch Dinner featured Mississippi State University associate head baseball coach Butch Thompson (second from left) who is shown with ECCC baseball coaches (from left) Neal Holliman (head) and assistants Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims following the program. During his remarks, Coach Thompson challenged the defending MACJC State Champion Diamond Warriors to "aim high...find your identity...and never quit! He also told team members, "To be a leader, you must first be a servant."

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EC standout drafted by Milwaukee Brewers

By CASEY GREENE
Staff Reporter

Former East Central Community College and Delta State University baseball player Carlos Leal was drafted in the 34th round of the 2014 MLB Draft by the Milwaukee Brewers Saturday. The 5-foot-10 senior from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, played two seasons for the Warriors before finishing his last two collegiate seasons at Delta State.

While Leal played catcher for his four collegiate years, the Brewers drafted him as a pitcher, hoping to capitalize on an electric arm that can touch 94 miles per hour off the mound.

Leal said there were a few talks about possibly getting picked up as a pitcher rather than a catcher. "The area scout called me and asked if I didn't mind if they draft me as pitcher," he said. "I told him it didn't matter. I was excited to get started playing pro ball."

While Leal has never given much thought to pitching, it was his coach at ECCC that first saw his potential on the mound. "Coach Holliman was the first person to ask me if I wanted to get on the mound," Leal said. "I threw some that fall but only threw one inning in the spring. Now that I can just focus on pitching, I think I can really improve."

Leal received a bevy of awards while at Delta State, including First Team All-Gulf South Conference in both of his years as a Statesman. He was also named to the All-South Region Second team in both years. As a senior, Leal hit .359 with six doubles, one triple, one home run, and 37 RBI. Behind the plate, he threw out 12-of-42 runners.

During his time at ECCC, Leal was named to the MACJC All-State and All-Region 23 teams as a team captain. He hit .311 with six doubles, four home runs and 26 RBIs in 40 games at catcher his sophomore year. Leal was previously drafted in 2012 by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 33rd round.

Carlos Leal

Leal joins a group of 35 players with Mississippi ties to be taken in the 2014 MLB Draft. Ole Miss had the most players drafted from any one school with nine. The first Mississippian drafted was West Lauderdale High School's Blake Anderson at 36th overall by the Miami Marlins.

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ECCC BASEBALL MANAGERS

Serving as managers on the 2014 East Central Community College baseball team were (from left) Chris Yarbrough of Florence and Ephraim Ringo of Forest. The ECCC Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims.

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average of 7.9 yards per carry. He scored one touchdown.

Wilcher accounted for 132 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries with an average of 11 yards per carry.

While the Rebels relied heavily on their ground attack, quarterback Alex Shepard and his targets made the most of those attempts.

Shepard only attempted five passes in the game, completing three for 126 yards and three touchdowns including a long score of 74 yards to William Johnston.

Johnston had two catches for 100 yards and two touchdowns.

Joshua Jones had one reception, a 40-yard strike for a touchdown.

The Rebels will take on another non-district opponent in Heritage on the road Friday night. Kickoff is scheduled for 7.

The AAA Heritage team has lost four games, Pickens said, but that in no way indicates their abilities based on the quality of the teams they face at that level.

"They've got a good football team, but they always have to play with the big dogs in triple A," Pickens said, noting loses to 4A public school Caledonia, Jackson Academy, Washington and Pillow. "They've lost those game, but they're not getting blown out in them or anything like that."

The Rebels are currently 3-1 in their district with their lone setback coming in a loss to Canton on the last Friday night of September.

LA returns to Madden for the regular season finale against district foe Oak Hill on Friday, Oct. 24.

Diamond Warriors set tourney

The annual East Central Community College Benefit Baseball Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, October 25, 2014, at Decatur Country Club.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by a shot gun start at 8:30 a.m. for the two-person scramble.

The $30 per person fee includes lunch and a beverage.Hole sponsorships are available for $100.

All proceeds benefit the Diamond Warrior program.

To enter or receive more information, contact head coach Neal Holliman, at 601-635-6374 or email nholliman@eccc.edu.

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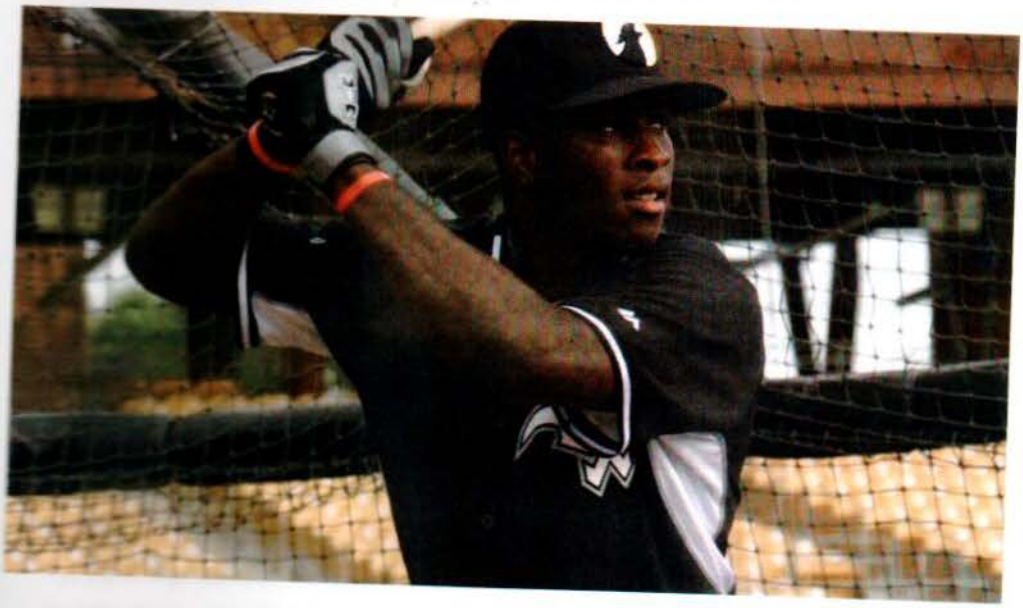
White Sox AFL class features talented Anderson

Chicago's No. 2 prospect hitting .308 in first 10 Arizona Fall League games



By Jim Callis / MLB.com | @JimCallisMLB | 11:23 AM ET

Tim Anderson has moved faster than expected since the White Sox drafted him in the first round of the 2013 First-Year Player Draft. He also missed two months after an errant pitch fractured his right wrist in June, so he's in the Arizona Fall League to compensate for missed at-bats.

Though Anderson is one of the younger players in the AFL at age 21 and hasn't faced much advanced pitching, **Chicago's No. 2 prospect** according to MLB.com is looking forward to the opportunity.

"I'll see great pitching," Anderson said. "I feel like it'll be a challenge, and I think I'm ready for it. Just get a lot better and get many reps -- make up for the lost time. I just want to go about my business the right way and get it done."

Anderson has performed well in his first two weeks with the Glendale Desert Dogs, going 12-for-39 (.308) with three extra-base hits and four steals in 10 games. The rough edges in his game -- strike-zone discipline and defensive consistency -- have still been apparent. He has 13 strikeouts without a walk and two errors in six games at shortstop.

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[illegible], the lack of polish was expected. At Hillcrest High School (Tuscaloosa, Ala.), he didn't play baseball until his junior year and was better known as a point guard who led his team to the 2011 6-A state basketball championship. He went undrafted out of high school and again after his freshman season at East Central Community College (Miss.), though his stock skyrocketed after he topped all Division II junior college players in hitting (.495) and on-base percentage (.568) as a sophomore.

Anderson hadn't faced much pro-level pitching before joining the White Sox, but he went straight to Class A for his debut and batted .277/.348/.363 with 24 steals in 68 games. He fared even better in 2014, putting up combined .301/.327/.481, mostly at Class A Advanced Winston-Salem. After his wrist healed, he finished the season by hitting .364 in 10 games at Double-A Birmingham, an hour from his hometown.

"High A was kind of challenging from the start, but I kind of caught on real quick," Anderson said. "When I moved to Double-A, I was the youngest guy there, but I felt like I was at home. Actually, I was at home, so it felt good to be there."

Anderson has the best all-around tools in Chicago's farm system, starting with his well above-average speed. A right-handed hitter, he has the all-fields approach and bat speed to hit for a solid average and decent power in the big leagues once he learns to better control the strike zone. He has the actions, range and arm strength to remain at shortstop, with center field as a fallback.

White Sox hitters in the AFL

• A 2012 fifth-rounder from a Florida high school, third baseman Nick Basto had the best year of his pro career in 2014, hitting .263/.313/.387 in Class A Advanced. He's a below-average runner without a true plus tool, making him difficult to profile as a regular.

• Catcher Kevan Smith originally attended Pittsburgh as a quarterback and broke Dan Marino's school record for passing yards in a debut with 202. A seventh-rounder in 2011, he has hit .296/.374/.471 in pro ball and projects as an offensive-minded backup with close to average offensive and defensive skills.

White Sox pitchers in the AFL

• After a breakthrough 2013 season, right-hander **Chris Bassitt** fractured his pitching hand in an off-field incident and didn't return to the mound until mid-July. He did earn his first big league victory on Sept. 22, when he shut out the Tigers for 7 2/3 innings. His 91-95 mph fastball is his lone plus pitch, so he could wind up in the bullpen.

• Signed by the Red Sox in 2009, Dominican right-hander Francellis Montas came to the White Sox in last summer's **Jake Peavy** trade and broke out in his first year with his new organization. He always threw hard and hit 102 mph this season, and he also improved his slider, changeup, control and command. He went 5-0 with a 1.44 ERA in 15 starts (mostly at Class A Advanced) with an 80/22 K/BB ratio in 81 innings during a season abbreviated by meniscus

surgery on both knees.

• Jefferson Olacio is a 6-foot-7 lefty with a fastball that reaches 96 mph, and his changeup shows flashes of becoming a plus pitch as well. But the 20-year-old from the Dominican Republic has trouble repeating his delivery and throwing strikes, which is why he posted a 4.99 ERA while striking out 71 in 70 1/3 innings between Class A Advanced and Double-A this year.

• A 2011 fifth-round pick from Stanford, left-hander **Scott Snodgress** started throughout his pro career before moving to the bullpen in Triple-A in late July and making his Major League debut in September. His curveball and changeup are better pitches than his fringy fastball, so he's probably best suited for a relief role. He had a 4.01 ERA and 95 strikeouts in 139 Minor League innings this year, mostly in Double-A.

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ECCC DIAMOND DARLINGS

Photo courtesy of East Central Community College

Members of the Diamond Darlings at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective hometowns include, from left, front row, Nat Reed, Nanih Waiya; Fallon Beckham, Philadelphia; Dakota Hollingsworth, Lake; Katy Ezelle, Decatur; Jennifer Argueta, Forest; and Madison Barnett and Haley Pierce, both of Noxapater; second row, Sydney Rogers, Nanih Waiya; Bree Burnley, Kosciusko; McKenzie Rogers, Nanih Waiya; Nohemi Velez, Philadelphia; Addie Ambrosier, Magee; Sarah Hall, Philadelphia; Alana Kron, Decatur; and Kimberly Harrison, Forest; and back row, Ashley Young, Louisville; Lauren Cassel, Union; Kaitlyn Blue and Kaitlin Sellers, both of Ellisville; Kaley Pennington, Pelahatchie; Katherine Fortenberry, Raleigh; and Haleigh Moore and Sequence Spears, both of Philadelphia. Diamond Darlings provide assistance for the Warrior baseball team. Assistant baseball coach Austin Golden serves as sponsor.

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East Central Community College's Terrance Mujahid tries to drive inside against East Mississippi Community College Tuesday night.

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East Mississippi sweeps East Central to kick off 2014

From school reports

DECATUR – The visiting East Mississippi Community College basketball teams completed their respective season sweeps of rival East Central Community College by claiming a 76-68 women's victory followed by a 77-71 men's triumph Tuesday evening at the the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the ECCC campus.

Including a pair of wins over East Central (86-74 women's & 87-69 men's) to open their home slate back in November, the EMCC men extended their series winning streak over the Warriors to 13 consecutive games dating back to the 2008-09 season while the Lady Lions have now claimed wins over ECCC in six of their last seven head-to-head meetings.

In the women's game, the visitors scored the last seven points of the opening half to offset a late 9-0 East Central run and own a 37-25 halftime advantage. The Lady Lions still maintained a 13-point cushion (55-42) midway through the second stanza before seven straight free throws by ECCC cut the deficit to six points (55-49).

With EMCC clinging to a precarious one-point lead, Jaylen Cox hit a clutch 3-pointer from the left corner to extend the lead to 65-61. After Tynika Bender's trey trimmed the margin to two points (70-68) just under the two-minute mark, Cox came up big again for the Lady Lions with a driving basket. The Lady Warriors would not score the rest of the game, as the EMCC women improved to 6-4 with the eight-point victory.

Cox, from West Harrison High School, led head coach Sharon Thompson's EMCC Lady Lions with a season-high 15 points, followed by Takera Mitchell and Kyra Gulledge with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Falling to 5-6 on the season, the home-standing Lady Warriors received a game-high 23 points from Bender. Jaleshia Jones added 14 points.

In the nightcap, head coach Mark White's EMCC Lions used a 12-0 early run and a stifling first-half defensive effort to hold a 35-28 halftime advantage. Guard Avery Woodson tallied 18 first-half points to pace the visitors.

With EMCC in foul trouble, the host Warriors tightened the contest following the intermission by forcing six deadlocks and taking the lead on a couple of occasions over the final 20 minutes of play. With the score tied at 69-all with 1:32 remaining, EMCC sophomore guard Nick Giles hit a floater to put the visitors in the lead for good.

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East Mississippi Community College's Avery Woodson hits a jumper from outside against East Central Community College Tuesday night in Decatur.

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East Central swings back into action

The East Central Warrior basketball teams are back in action after the Christmas holidays with a pair of home games.

The Warrior teams were to host East Mississippi on Tuesday.

Then on Monday, East Central will play host to Hinds Community College.

Women's action tips off at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by the men's contest at 7:30 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Against the Lions, the ECCC squads are hoping for a different outcome than when the two teams met on November in Scooba.

The Lady Warriors entered the new year with a 5-5 overall under second-year head coach Crandal Porter.

The Warriors are also 5-5 overall and are led by first-year head mentor Robert Thompson.

The East Mississippi men sport a 6-2 mark under head coach Mark White.

The video stream of home games can be seen and heard on the EMCC Web site, www.EMCCAthletics.com/live

East Central is providing live audio stream on the college Website, www.eccc.edu.

The game audio can also be heard on the Scott County Broadcasting Network, www.580AMWQST.com. Longtime broadcaster Frank Edmonson will handle play-by-play duties.

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Broadcasts planned for ECCC home hoops games

Warrior fans unable to attend East Central Community College's remaining home basketball games can hear all the action through audio broadcasts available on the college's Web site (www.eccc.edu) and on the Scott County Broadcasting Network (www.850AMWQST.com), or on smartphones by downloading the Free App WQST/SCBN at the iTunes Store or Google Play.

Frank Edmondson, station general manager and longtime sports broadcaster, will serve as game announcer. Edmondson also serves as public address announcer for Warrior football games.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors resumed 2013-14 competition by hosting longtime rival East Mississippi Community College Tuesday, Jan. 7 followed by MACJC South Division matchups with Hinds Community College Monday, Jan. 13.

Game times for home contests are set for 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Home contests are also scheduled with Copiah-Lincoln (Tuesday, Jan. 21), Southwest (Thursday, Jan. 23), Meridian (Thursday, Jan. 30), Pearl River (Monday, Feb. 3), Gulf Coast (Monday, Feb. 10) and Jones County (Thursday, Feb. 20).

For more information, contact ECCC Athletics, 601-635-6401 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 401. The email address is charris@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF Jan. 12, 2014

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014

ECCC squads sweep Hinds

From school reports

It was "sweep night" for East Central Community College's basketball squads as they posted MACJC South Division victories over Hinds Community College Monday in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Warriors cruised 70-59 and improved to 6-6 overall and 1-2 in division play under second-year head coach Crandal Porter.

Jaleshia Jones led EC with 26 points. Jones is a freshman forward and product of Wayne County High School.

Also scoring in double figures were Tynika Bender, 18; and Tanihhija Hughes, 13. Bender is a freshman guard from Newton and Hughes is a sophomore forward from Forest. Hughes was also credited with 16 rebounds.

Rajee McDonald and Felicia Guynes each had 11 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, who fell to 0-12 and 0-2.

EC led 41-35 at halftime.

In the men's contest, EC held on for an 85-82 decision to improve to 6-6 overall and 2-1 in league competition under first-year head coach Robert Thompson.

Jacques Johnson led the Warriors with 30 points. Johnson is a sophomore guard/forward and product of Provine High School in Jackson.

Other scorers in double figures were Michael Matlock, 16; and Quinton Campbell, 10. Matlock is a freshman guard/forward from Central High School in Memphis. Campbell, a freshman forward, hails from Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile. Campbell led in rebounds with 14.

Rod Taylor pumped in 25 points to lead the Bulldogs, who dropped to 2-10 and 0-2.

EC held a 44-36 advantage at the break.

The Lady Warrior and Warriors travel to MS Gulf Coast Community College Thursday, Jan. 16. Game times are 6 and 8 p.m. on the Perkinston campus.

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East Central Community College teams drop pair to Southwest

East Central Community College's basketball squads dropped decisions to Southwest Mississippi College in MACJC South Division action held Thursday, January 23 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Warriors, who held a 31-30 lead at the break, were outscored 35-13 in the second half and fell 65-44 to the Lady Bears.

Tanihhija Hughes was the only scorer in double figures for the Lady Warriors, whose record dipped to 7-8 overall and 2-4 in league play under second-year head coach Crandal Porter.

Hughes, a sophomore forward from Forest, tallied 11 points and grabbed four rebounds.

Other EC point makers were Tynika Bender of Newton, nine; Bryanna McClendon of Lake, seven; Jaleisha Jones of Wayne County, six; Shaniqua Quin of Brandon, Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy and Kimberly Wallace, a product of Ouachita Parish High School in Monroe, La., three each; and Shamyia Evans of Lake, two. Bender led in rebounds with seven.

Katrina Littlepage poured in 16 points to lead the Southwest women, who improved to 13-2 and 5-1.

In the men's contest, East Central was unable to overcome a 39-26 halftime deficit and fell 86-65 to the Bears.

Sophomore guard/forward Jacques Johnson tallied 14 points to lead the Warriors, whose record now stands at 6-9 overall and 2-4 in the division under first-year head coach Robert Thompson. Johnson, a Provine product, was also credited with seven rebounds.

Also scoring for EC were Terrance Mujahid, a product of Westwood High School in Memphis, 13; Ramone Tate of St. Stanislaus, 10; Michael Matlock of Central High School in Memphis, nine; Quinton Campbell of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, eight; Demarkus Jones of Terry and Keon McKinney of West Point, four each; and Kevin Kirk of St. Martin, three.

On Jan. 16, Tanihhija Hughes poured in 24 points and led the East Central Community College women to a 64-57 victory over MS Gulf Coast Community College.

Hughes also led in rebounds with 13 for the Lady Warriors who improved to 7-6 overall and 2-2 in the MACJC South Division under second-year head coach Crandal Porter.

Hughes is a sophomore forward and product of Forest High School.

Other scorers were Tynika Bender of Newton, 13; Jaleisha Jones of Wayne County, nine; Kimberly Wallace, a product of Ouachita Parish HS in Monroe, La., eight; Shaniqua Quinn of Brandon, five; Andreka Harper of Forest, three; and Ty-neisa Mickens of Noxubee County, two.

EC held a 39-23 advantage at the break.

The Warriors were not as fortunate and fell 76-58 to the home standing Bulldogs.

Ramone Tate pumped in 17 points to lead East Central, which dropped to 6-7 overall and 2-2 in league play under first-year head coach Robert Thompson.

Tate is a freshman guard and product of St. Stanislaus High School.

Other EC point makers were Quinton Campbell, a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, 13; Terrance Mujahid of Westwood HS in Memphis, nine; Jacques Johnson of Provine, eight; Demond Morgan of Morton, three; and Demarkus Jones of Terry, Michael Matlock of Central HS in Memphis, Keonn McKinney of West Point and Kiese Kirkland of Yazoo City, two each.

Rashad Perkins led Gulf Coast with 16 points.

The Warriors trailed 32-27 at alftime.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014

ECCC squads clipped by MCC

From school reports

Struggles on the hardwood continue for East Central Community College basketball squads following setbacks to Meridian Community College Jan. 30 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Lady Warriors were outscored by an 82-64 margin and the Warriors were edged 75-71 in the MACJC South Division matchups.

Freshman guard Bryanna McClendon tallied 15 points to lead the EC women, who fell to 7-10 overall and 2-6 in league play. McClendon is a product of Lake High School.

Also scoring in double figures were Jaleshia Jones of Wayne County, 14; and Leake Academy product Anna Katherine Nowell of Kimberly Wallace, a product of Ouachita Parish in Monroe, La., and Tynika Bender of Newton, eight each; Andreka Harper of Forest, four; and Shaniqua Quinn of Brandon and Haley Watkins of Scott Central, two each. Wallace was top the rebounder with 10 boards.

Kristen Sampson poured in 27 points to lead the Lady Eagles, who improved to 14-3 and 6-2.

EC trailed 47-32 at the break.

The Warriors were led by Jacques Johnson's 15 points. Johnson is a sophomore guard/forward and product of Provine High School in Jackson.

Other top point makers were Quinton Campbell, a product of Mary G. Montgomery HS in Mobile, 13; and Terrance Mujahid of

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East Central takes down Hinds on hardwood

From school reports

Tynika Bender tallied 19 points and Tanihhija Hughes added 18 in leading East Central Community College's Lady Warriors to a 90-72 thumping of Hinds Community College Thursday, Feb. 6 on the Utica campus.

The MACJC South Division victory snapped a five-game slide for the EC women, who improved to 8-11 overall and 3-7 in league play under second-year head coach Crandal Porter.

Bender is a freshman guard and product of Newton High School. Hughes is a sophomore forward from Forest.

Other scorers were Bryanna McClendon of Lake, 11; Jaleisha Jones of Wayne County, eight; Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, seven; Shaniqua Quinn of Brandon and Kimberly Wallace, a product of Ouachita Parish High School in Monroe, La., six each; Andreka Harper of Forest and Haley Watkins of Scott Central, five each; Breona Foster of Neshoba Central, three; and Shamiya Evans of Lake, two.

EC led 43-28 at the break.

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WEEK OF March 23, 2014

ECCC set to host MACJC All-Star Basketball Games

From school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College in Decatur is again serving as host site for the annual MACJC (Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges) All-Star Basketball Games.

This year's event is set for Friday, April 11. The women's contest begins at 5 p.m. and will be followed by the men's matchup at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Members of the South Division women's squad are Samara Dingiswayo, Mississippi Gulf Coast; Rajee McDonald, Hinds; Ashley Minor, Copiah-Lincoln; Tanni ha Hughes, East Central; Katrina Littlepage and April Levy, both of Southwest; Kristin Sampson and Miaya Crowder, both of Meridian; Kaylan Hughes and Latisha McCullum, both of Jones County; and Shanta' Echols and Kalisha Washington, both of Pearl River.

Alternates are Deantra Darjean of Pearl River, Hellanisa Young of Mississippi Gulf Coast and Jessica Wilson of Copiah-Lincoln.

Brent Harris of Southwest will serve as head coach. South Division men's team includes Michael Vardaman, Copiah-Lincoln; Terrance Mujahid and Jacques Johnson, both of East Central; Dela Mayers, Hinds; Johnny Zuppardo, Jones County; Twymond Howard and Deione Weeks, both of Southwest; Corey Brister, Meridian; and Roger Woods, Chris Bilbo and Rashad Perkins, all of Mississippi Gulf Coast.*

Alternates are Devontai Foye of Pearl River, and Leo Garrett and Darris McClendon, both of Jones County.

Casey Carter of Southwest will serve as head coach.

Members of the North Division women's team are Ashanti Spencer and Krystal Nailer, both of Mississippi Delta; Carshava Sutton and Halle Knowles, both of Northwest; Lytia Coleman and Latoya Collins, both of Itawamba; Krystal Pearson, Coahoma; Antionette Riddle, Northeast; and Takera Mitchell, Kyra Gulledge, Wilma Davis and Charmane Tims, all of East Mississippi.

Don Edwards of Northwest will serve as head coach.

North Division men's squad includes Xavier Graves, Coahoma; Tamarico Wilson, Holmes; Tristan Moore, Northwest; Alex Anderson, Jonthan McGee and Tory Rice, all of Itawamba; Johnny Rucker and Marquarius Boddie, both of Mississippi Delta; Cameron Shorty, Northeast; and Davon "Chuck" Ester, Nick Giles and Justin Kinsey, all of East Mississippi.*

Alternates are Rashon Coleman of Northwest and Billy Jackson of Coahoma.

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Central's Henry signs with ECCC

Leake Central basketball standout Ravion Henry, right, accepted an scholarship offer from East Central Community College to continue his career this fall. Henry was joined for the signing by his mother, Sharon, and Gators head coach Carl Wilbanks.

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WEEK OF April 13, 2014

Signs with ECCC

Choctaw Central High School senior LaShayla McMillan signs with East Central Community College Friday, April 11. The ceremony was held in the CCHS library. Seated, from left, are Latricia Johnson, LaShayla McMillan, Latilda Jim, and Mindy Bell. Standing are Lady Warriors basketball head coach Billy Smith, assistant coach Elyse Willis and athletic director Walter Wilson.

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WEEK OF April 19, 2014

ECCC Lady Warriors take two from Hinds

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors produced 16 runs on 24 hits to sweep the Hinds Community College Lady Eagles by identical 8-0 scores in softball doubleheader action on the Decatur campus April 15.

With the wins, East Central extended its winning streak to six games. The Lady Warriors are now 34-8 overall and 20-6 in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges South Division.

The Lady Warriors also had strong pitching to back up the offensive output, giving up only six hits in the two shutout victories.

In game one, East Central scored three runs in the fourth, and two in both the fifth and sixth innings. The Lady Warriors pounded out 13 hits off Hinds pitchers. Andi Hannaford led the team with three hits, including a two-run double. Mahalia Gibson, Katlyn Duke of Neshoba Central High School, Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar High School (Kennedy, Ala.), and Maegen Ellis of Oak Hill Academy in West Point all had two hits in the opener. Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale High School had a two-run double.

Freshman pitcher Lacey Hill picked up the win in game one, giving up three hits and striking out two in six innings.

East Central scored three runs in the bottom of the first and added five more in the fifth for the 8-0 game two victory.

Two-run doubles by Duke and Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy and an RBI single by Ellis accounted for the scoring in the fifth inning. Ellis hit a two-run home run over the center field fence in the first inning for the Lady Warriors. It was the fourth home run in the past six games for the most recent MACJC Player of the Week. In addition to Ellis, Caitlyn Aldous of Petal High School and Hannaford had two hits in the win.

Freshman Chloe Thagga of Leake Academy got t win in game two, giving just three hits and striking o seven Lady Eagles in the fiv inning contest.

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WEEK OF April 20, 2014

ECCC HOOPS ALL-STARS

Lady Warrior Tannihja Hughes of Forest represented East Central Community College in the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Game. She is shown with Lady Warrior head coach Crandal Porter. Hughes scored five points for the South women who fell 81-69 to the North All-Stars.

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photo by DIANE HERRING

RAGSDALE SIGNS WITH ECCC. MHS Senior Bre Ragsdale has signed to play for East Central Community College Lady Warriors. Bre, seated front center with her grandmother and mother, says she looks forward to playing basketball for ECCC. Pictured, from left, front, Willie Faye Denson, Bre Ragsdale, Lenna Denson; MHS Assistant Principal Joe Moncrief, Bre's father William Denson, Jr., and Morton's women's basketball coach Shay Jackson.

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WEEK OF May 11, 2014

Submitted photo

Several members of the 2013-14 East Central Community College men's basketball team recently received honors at the annual spring sports banquet on the Decatur campus. Award winners and their respective high schools include, from left, seated, Shedrick Fair of Aberdeen, Scholar Athlete; Jacques Johnson of Jackson Provine, Most Valuable Player, second team MACJC All-State and MACJC All-Star; and Ramone Tate, a product of St. Stanislaus High School, Warrior Award; standing, Demarcus Jones of Terry, Hustle Award; Kristian Clark of St. Martin, Hustle Award; Terrance Mujahid of Westwood High in Memphis, Tenn., Most Valuable Defensive Player and MACJC All-Star; and Quinton Campbell of Mary G. Montgomery High in Mobile, Ala., Most Valuable Offensive Player. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and Warriors head coach Robert Thompson presented the awards.

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WEEK OF May 25, 2014

ECCC women's basketball awards

These members of the 2013-14 East Central Community College women's basketball team received honors at the annual Spring Sports Banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Award winners and their respective high schools include, seated from left, Niya Hughes of Forest, Most Improved and MACJC All-Star; Tynika Bender of Newton, Most Valuable Defense; and Haley Watkins of Scott Central, Lady Warrior Award; standing, from left, Jaleshia Jones of Wayne County, Most Valuable Player, Most Valuable Offense and first team MACJC All-State; Tyler Hearn-Ferguson of West Jones, sophomore letter-winner; Ty-Neisa Mickens of Noxubee County, Hustle Award; and Leake Academy product Anna Katherine Nowell of Philadelphia, Scholar Athlete. (EC Photo)

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ECCC basketball players assist sudents during 'Move-In'

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East Central Community College men's basketball players (from left) Keon McKinney, Kiese Kirkland, Derrick Dandrige and Ravion Henry were among team members who provided assistance to female dormitory students during "Move-In Day" last Sunday on the Decatur campus. Head coach Robert Thompson said providing assistance during "Move-In Day" is one of several community projects scheduled each year for the Warrior student-athletes.

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WEEK OF Nov. 2, 2014

ECCC squads sweep Delgado

From school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College's basketball teams remain undefeated after registering victories over Delgado Community College Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Building.

The Lady Warriors cruised 82-49, and the Warriors held on for 63-57 victory, as both teams are now 2-0 on the young season. Both Delgado squads are winless in four games.

Tynika Bender poured in 17 points to lead EC scorers. Bender is a sophomore point guard from Newton.

Also scoring in double figures were Tashni-ana Thompson, 16; and Kalybriah Haskin, 12. Thompson is a sophomore guard and product of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga. Haskin is a freshman guard who hails from Olympian High School in Chula Vista, Calif.

The Lady Warriors led 45-23 at the break.

In the men's contest, freshman guard Prince McDaniel of Pascagoula was the top scorer with 17 points.

Also scoring in double figures was Quinton Campbell, who tallied 11 points. Campbell is sophomore forward from Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile.

The Warriors held a 29-24 advantage at the break.

Next up for EC squads are home games with rival East Mississippi Community College scheduled Thursday, Nov. 13. Game times are 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Brackeen-Wood.

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ECCC earns sweep in basketball opener

From school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College's basketball squads began regular-season action on a positive note by posting easy victories over Coahoma Community College Monday in Clarksdale.

The Lady Warriors cruised 92-64, and the Warriors won handily by a 76-55 margin.

Tashi-Ana Thompson led the EC women with 19 points in the non-division matchup. Thompson is a sophomore guard and product of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga.

Also scoring in double figures were Samantha Duncan of Oak Grove, 14; and Tynika Bender of Newton, 10. Courtney Harper led in rebounds with seven.

Erica Collins poured in 20 points to lead the Lady Tigers.

EC held a 46-29 advantage at halftime.

In the men's contest, Quinton Campbell was the top scorer with 20 points. Campbell is a sophomore forward and product of Mary G. Montomery High School in Mobile.

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EC led 30-23 at the break.

EC squads host Delgado Community College today. Game times are 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

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1994 Lady Warriors recognized

Members of the 1994 East Central Community College Lady Warrior basketball team were recognized during the 2014 Homecoming festivities held Saturday, October 11. Joining then head coach Sammy Pace (seated, third from left) were team members (front row, from left) Genia Griffin Jackson of Morton, Evelyn Nelson Dupree of Brandon, and Rena Reed Pierre of Springfield, LA; and (standing, from left) Nikki Ross of Philadelphia, Jamala Odom Black of Forest and Carla Leflore Lewis of Brandon. The 1994 Lady Warriors captured the NJCAA Consolation Bracket Championship, the Region 23 Championship and finished ranked 7th in the nation.

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ECCC Basketball Squads Sweep Coahoma in Opener

Posted: Wed 7:13 PM, Nov 05, 2014 *By: ECCC Media Relations*

East Central Community College's basketball squads began season action on a positive note by posting easy victories over Coahoma Community College Monday, Nov. 3 in Clarksdale.

The Lady Warriors cruised 92-64 and the Warriors won handily by a 76-55 margin.

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Also scoring in double figures were Samantha Duncan of Oak Grove, 14; and Tynika Bender of Newton, 10.

Other point makers were Shakerya Morrison, a product of East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C., eight; Rolanda Washington of Raymond, Johnta' Hughes of Hattiesburg, Alexia McDonald of Petal, Courtney Harper of Laurel and Breona Foster of Neshoba Central, six each; Breaushza Ragsdale of Morton, five; and Kalybriah Haskin, a product of Olympian High School in Chula Vista, CA, and Jalesia Jones of Wayne County, three each. The 6-3 Harper led in rebounds with seven.

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Other point makers were Randy Phillips of Lanier, seven; Isaiah Traylor of Tupelo, five; Demond Morgan of Morton and Roshad Collier of Brandon, three each; Ramone Tate of St. Stanislaus and Monte Bowie of Morton, two each; and Demarkus Jones of Terry and Derrick Dandridge, a product of White Station High School in Memphis, one each. The 6-8 Talla led in rebounds with 10.
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EC squads host Delgado Community College Thursday, Nov. 6. Game times are 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

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ECCC Lady Warrior Basketball Team

Pictured are members of the 2014-15 women's basketball team at East Central Community College in Decatur. Lady Warriors and their respective high schools include (seated from left) guard Richenda Crutcher (4), H.W. Byers (Lamar); forward Rolonda Washington (5), Raymond; guards Johnta' Hughes (10), Hattiesburg and Kalybriah Haskin (11), Olympian (Chula Vista, CA); guard/forward Alexia McDonald (12), Petal; center Courtney Harper (14), Laurel; guard Keoceania Yarbrough (15), Louisville; guard Tynika Bender (20) Newton; guard/forward Jalesia Jones (21), Wayne County; and guard Tashi-ana Thompson (22), Miller Grover (Lithonia, GA); and (standing from left) managers Jamylia McLemore, South Jones and Warner Parkes, Nanih Waiya; guards Samantha Duncan (23), Oak Grove and Breona Foster (25), Neshoba Central; forwards Jelisa Pearson (30), Quitman and Shakerya Morrison (32), East Wake (Wendell, NC); center Breaushza Ragsdale (34), Morton; head coach Crandal Porter and assistant coach Kiara Ruffin. (EC Photo)

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ECCC opens hoops season with two wins

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EC squads were scheduled to host Delgado Community College Thursday, Nov. 13.

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East Central CC earns sweep in hoops action

From staff reports

DECATUR — Shakerya Morrison led the way for East Central Community College as it downed Mississippi Delta Community College, 103-68, in Thursday evening junior college women's basketball action.

Jalesia Jones had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds for ECCC, while Samantha Duncan tallied 12 points.

ECCC (6-0) led 61-36 at the break.

In the men's game, ECCC improved to 4-2 on the young season with an 82-27 victory.

Ravion Henry scored 20 points for ECCC, and Quinton Campbell tallied 19 points and 13 rebounds. Prince McDaniel finished with 18 points.

ECCC will play at Meridian Community College Dec. 4.

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WEEK OF Nov. 16, 2014

ECCC sweeps Mississippi Delta

From school reports

DECATUR — It was another successful night of East Central Community College basketball Thursday as both squads registered victories against Mississippi Delta Community College.

The Lady Warriors set the tone with a resounding 103-68 thumping of the Lady Trojans to improve to 6-0 under third-year head coach Crandal Porter. The Warriors' (4-2) matchup was a little more interesting, however, as the Robert Thompson-coached squad held on for an 87-82 decision.

Shakerya Morrison was the top shooter for EC's women, as the recent Florida A&M University signee blistered the backboards with 27 points. The 5-11 sophomore from East Wake (N.C.) High School was nearly perfect from the field, as she connected on 11 of 12 field goal attempts. She also made 5 of 7 free throws and grabbed nine rebounds.

Also scoring in double figures were sophomore guard/forward Jaleisa Jones of Wayne County, 14; and freshman guard Samantha Duncan of Oak Grove, 13. Jones led in rebounds with 10.

Tynkia Bender of Newton and Breona Foster of Neshoba Central both scored six points.

Niya Head poured in 16 points to lead the Lady Trojans, who fell to 2-5.

ECCC led 61-36 at halftime.

In the men's contest, a pair of free throws by Kristian Clark with 9.2 seconds remaining helped provide the Warriors with another impressive outing on the hardwood.

Ravion Henry was the top scorer for ECCC, as the freshman guard from Leake Central pumped in 20 points.

Also scoring in double figures were sophomore forward Quinton Campbell, a product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, Ala., 19; and freshman guard Prince McDaniel of Pascagoula, 18. Campbell led in rebounds with 13.

Travon Harper tallied 19 points to lead the Trojans, who dropped to 3-4.

EC, which enjoyed its largest lead at 34-11, held a 43-27 advantage at the break.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors resume competition after the Thanksgiving break by traveling to rival Meridian Community College Thursday, Dec. 4. Game times are 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on the MCC campus.

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MORRISON SIGNS WITH FLORIDA A&M

Photo courtesy of East Central Community College

East Central Community College basketball standout Shakerya Morrison, left, is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue her career at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. Morrison, a 5-11 sophomore forward, has helped lead the EC women to a perfect 6-0 record so far under third-year head coach Crandal Porter, right. She is currently the top rebounder in Region 23 with 11 boards per game, which also places her 22nd in the nation. She scored a season-high 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the Lady Warriors' 103-68 thumping of Mississippi Delta Community College Thursday in Decatur. Morrison transferred to EC from Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, N.C. She is a product of East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C.

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ECCC Basketball Sweeps MCC

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Meridian Community College and East Central Community College met on the basketball court Thursday night to open play in the 2014-2015 portion of the MACJC schedule inside the South Division. The visiting Warriors traveled to Meridian and came away with a doubleheader sweep over the home squad to continue its solid play to open the season. The Lady Warriors breezed past MCC in women's action by a final score of 95-68, while the East Central men needed overtime to complete the sweep by a final count of 79-70.

The MCC women dropped its overall record to 6-3, while the MCC men fell to 3-3 overall for the season. The Lady Warriors remained perfect for the season by moving to 7-0, while the ECCC men improved to 5-2.

Freshman Andrianna James led the way in scoring for the Lady Eagles in the opening game of the night with 23 points, while sophomore Miaya Crowder finished the night with 19 points. Tashi-ana Thompson led the Lady Warriors in scoring with 18 points and Tynika Bender finished with 17 points for ECCC.

Sophomore Brandon Daniels led the way in scoring in the men's contest for the Eagles with 18 points and Devontae Brewster ended his night with 13 points. Ken'Darrius Hamilton also scored in double figures for the green and white with 11 points. Quinton Campbell led the way in the scoring department for the visiting Warriors with 20 points.

MCC will return to action Monday night with an MACJC South Division road doubleheader at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, while East Central will play host to Jones County Junior College Monday night.

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EAST CENTRAL MEN'S HOOPS

Special to The Star

Pictured are members of the 2014-15 men's basketball team at East Central Community College in Decatur. Warriors and their respective high schools include, from left, seated, guards Demond Morgan (3), Morton and Ramone Tate (12), St. Stanislaus; assistant coach Devarus "Scooter" Walker; head coach Robert Thompson; manager Kiese Kirkland, Yazoo City; and guards Keon McKinney (23), West Point and Monte Bowie (31), Morton. Standing are guards Demarkus Jones (11), Terry and Isaiah Traylor (30), Tupelo; forwards Quinton Campbell (22), Mary G. Montgomery (Mobile, Ala.), and Racine Talla (34), Oakdale Christian Academy (Tuscaloosa, Ala.); center Randy Phillips (32), Jackson Lanier; forward Derrick Dandridge (14), White Station (Memphis); and guards Prince McDaniel (15), Pascagoula; Kristin Clark (10), St. Martin; Ravion Henry (21), Leake Central; and Roshad Collier (20), Brandon.

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Meridian CC splits with Holmes CC

From School Reports

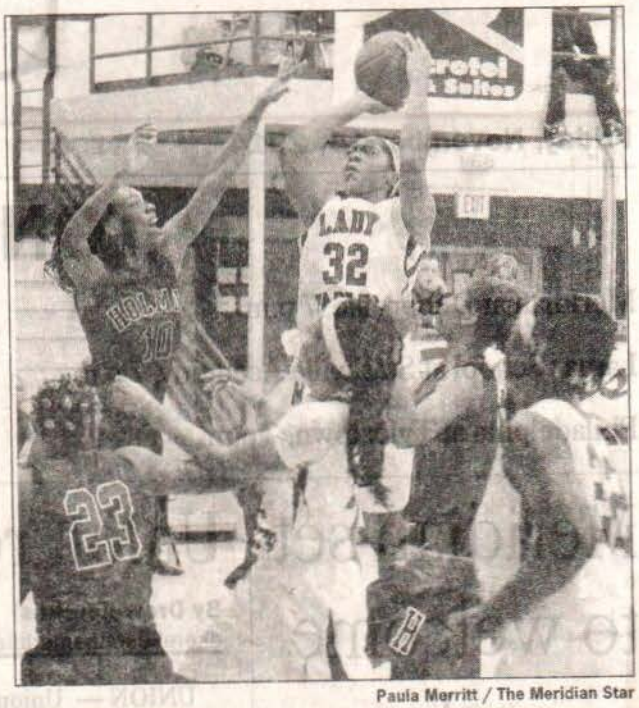
The Meridian Community College Eagles were looking to rebound after dropping a tough road loss at East Mississippi a week ago by hosting the Bulldogs of Holmes Community College Thursday night at the Graham Gymnasium. The Eagles built a 15-point lead in the second half and were able to hold off a rally from Holmes to secure a 64-61 victory over the Bulldogs.

The MCC men improved to 2-1 overall for the season, while Holmes dropped to 3-1 after the road loss. Sophomore Brandon Daniels had a solid night for the home squad by scoring 25 points to lead the way, while KeníDarrius Hamilton chipped in with 12 second half points. Frankie Collins added eight points and Phillip Walker collected five points for the Eagles.

Daryl Macon led the way for Holmes with 26 points, while Marcus Washington had 12 points for the Bulldogs. MCC will return to action Monday (November 17) with a road contest at Bishop State and Holmes will take to the floor Saturday at home against Southern University-Shreveport.

The MCC Lady Eagles saw its three-game winning streak snapped at the hands of Holmes by a final count of 80-71. Sophomore Miaya Crowder led the way in scoring for the green and white with 24 points, while Londyn Thomas had 21 points in the home loss. Freshman Tytianna Hall also checked into double figures for the Lady Eagles with 12 points. Minyone Hill and Carmesha Nalls each led Holmes with 19 points apiece. The MCC women dropped its overall to 3-1 and Holmes improved its overall record for the season to 3-1.

The Lady Eagles will also return to action Monday (November 17) on the road at Bishop State, while the Lady Bulldogs will host Southern University-Shreveport Saturday.



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Meridian Community College's Miaya Crowder hits a jumper from near the charity stripe Thursday against Holmes County Community College.

ECCC sweeps EMCC

From staff reports

Four different players scored in double figures to help lead East Central CC past EMCC, 89-61.

The Lady Warriors (3-0) jumped out to a 45-19 advantage at halftime and never looked back. Ki-Ki Patterson led the Lady Lions (2-2) with 22 points.

For East Central, Tynika Bender led the way with 19 points, Samantha Duncan scored 18, Shakerya Morrison chipped in with 12 and Jalesia Jones scored 11.

EMCC will be back in action when it travels to Shelton State on Monday, while ECCC travels to Mississippi Delta CC Saturday.

ECCC comeback

East Central Community College overcame a 12-point halftime deficit to storm back and top East Mississippi Community College, 99-88.

For the Warriors (3-0), Prince McDaniel and Ravion Henry led the way with 16 points each, while Quinton Campbell scored 13, Randy Phillips scored 12 and Ramone Tate and Isaiah Traylor each scored 11 points.

For the Lions (2-1), Antonio Finley poured in a game-high 23 points, Daniel Simmons added 20 points and Dontavius Self chipped in with 11 points.

ECCC travels to Mississippi Delta CC Saturday, while EMCC will host Alabama Southern Dec. 2.

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ECCC squads sweep Gulf Coast teams

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
Sports Editor

East Central Community College basketball teams continued their winning ways with victories over MACJC South Division foe Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Thursday in Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium.

In the women's contest, East Central defeated the Lady Bulldogs 86-64 to improve their record to 17-2 overall and 8-2 in division play.

Jaleshia Jones, a sophomore guard/forward and product of Wayne County High School, pumped in 19 points to lead the Lady Warriors.

Also scoring in double figures were Tashi-Ana Thompson, 16; Shakerya Morrison, 12; and Samantha Duncan, 10.

Other scorers were Breona Foster of Neshoba Central, nine; Johnta Hughesm five; Tynika Bender, four; Rolonda Washington, three.

Markeisha Watson and Cilinda Brown had 15 points each to lead the Gulf Coast women, who fell to 6-11, 1-5.

EC held a 44-31 advantage at the break.

In men's action, the Warriors won 90-77 and improved to 11-8 overall and 6-4 in the south division.

Isaiah Traylor was the leading scorer for the East Central with 23 points.

Additional Warriors scoring in double figures were Quinton Campbell, 19;

Justin Coleman pumped in 21 points to lead the Gulf Coast men, who dropped to 10-9, 4-5.

East Central teams travel to Copiah-Lincoln Community College Monday. The Lady Warriors and Warriors host Hinds Community College Thursday.

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ECCC Warrior

Both East Central Community College basketball teams are off to good starts as they look forward to the December portion of their 2014-2015 basketball schedule.

The Lady Warriors went undefeated during November and stand at 6-0. The Warriors finished the month with a 4-2 record.

Robert Thompson is the head coach of the ECCC men's basketball team, and is assisted by Devarus Walker.

Members of the 2014-15 men's basketball team at East Central Community College in Decatur. Warriors and their respective high schools include guards Demond Morgan (3), Morton and Ramone Tate (12), St. Stanislaus; and guards Keon McKinney (23), West Point, Monte Bowie (31), Morton. Demarkus Jones (11), Terry and Isaiah Traylor (30), Tupelo; forwards Quinton Campbell (22), Mary G. Montgomery (Mobile), and Racine Talla (34), Oakdale Christian Academy (Tuscaloosa); center Randy Phillips (32), Jackson Lanier; forward Derrick Dandridge (14), White Station (Memphis); and guards Prince McDaniel (15), Pascagoula; Kristin Clark (10), St. Martin; Ravion Henry (21), Leake Central; and Roshad Collier (20), Brandon.

Crandal Porter is the head coach of the Lady Warriors and is in his third season at ECCC. He is assisted by Kiara Ruffin.

Members of the 2014-15 women's basketball team at East Central Community College in Decatur. Lady Warriors and their respective high schools include guard Richenda Crutcher (4), H.W. Byers (Lamar); forward Rolonda Washington (5), Raymond; guards Johnta' Hughes (10), Hattiesburg and Kalybriah Haskin (11), Olympian (Chula Vista, CA); guard/forward Alexia McDonald (12), Petal; center Courtney Harper (14), Laurel; guard Keoceania Yarbrough (15), Louisville; guard Tynika Bender

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EC men get new attitude, women aim higher

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There is a new attitude in the men's basketball program at East Central Community College in Decatur, mainly due to the talent level on this year's squad.

Robert Thompson, who is in his second year as head coach, said he expects much improvement from 2013-14, when the Warriors finished 9-14 overall and 4-10 in the consistently tough MACJC South Division.

"I am really excited about the upcoming season," said Thompson. "We worked really hard to increase our talent and I believe we have some players that will help turn our program around."

Thompson said the top returnee is Quinton Campbell, a 6-7, 190-pound forward.

Campbell averaged 11 points, eight rebounds and shot 41 percent from the three-point line.

Campbell came to EC from Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, AL, where he was a first team All-American and All-Academic selection.

"Quinton will be accompanied with three veteran guards who should bring great leadership to the squad," added Thompson.

The returning guards are Ramone Tate (5-10, 176), a product of St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis; Kristian Clark (6-5, 160), of St. Martin High School in Ocean Springs; and Demarkus Jones (6-2, 190), who hails from Terry High School in Jackson.

Tate received District MVP honors and was chosen Top Player by the Sun-Herald.

Jones also received District most valuable player recognition.

Other sophomores are guards Desmond Morgan (5-11, 171) and Monte Bowie (5-11, 160), both products of Morton High School; and Keon McKinney (6-0, 157), who hails from West Point High School.

Morgan was an All-District and All-Tournament Team selection and was named the Panthers' most valuable player.

Bowie was named on the Scott County and EC Classic All-Tournament teams.

McKinney received West Point's best defensive player award.

Thompson said he is also pleased with the "new" Warriors, as well.

"We signed 6-9 transfer Racine Talla from South Carolina Upstate, 6-9 Randy Phillips from Lanier High School out of Jackson, and 6-7 Derrick Dandridge from White Station High School out of Memphis. All three players will have a big impact on our program," said Thompson.

Talla comes to EC from Dakar, Senegal, where the 190-pounder was a standout at 22-Foot Academy.

Phillips, at 247 pounds, plays center.

Dandridge is a 218-pound forward.

Other newcomers are guards Prince McDaniel (6-6, 168) of Pascagoula, Roshad Collier (6-2, 160) of Brandon, Ravion Henry (6-3, 164) of Leake Central, and forwards Trey Williams (6-3, 175) of West Point and Isaiah Traylor (6-4, 180) of Tupelo.

Collier was named the Bulldogs' defensive player of the year.

Henry received District MVP honors.

Devarus "Scooter" Walker returns as assistant coach.

Student assistants and their respective high schools include Kevin Kirk of St. Martin, Keise Kirkland of Yazoo City, William Snider of Winston Academy, Koren Butler and Sabrina Hewitt, both of Lanier; Terry Carter of Louisville, Joseph Patrick of Morton and Sarah Hardy of East Rankin Academy.

Women focused on winning

Expectations for success are high for this year's East Central Community College women's basketball team, which includes two returning starters and a talent-laden group of freshmen. Also in the mix are several transfers who bring impressive resumes to the squad.

The third year just might be the "charm" for head coach Crandal Porter, whose Lady Warriors finished

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8-14 overall and 3-11 in the MACJC South Division last season.

East Central is expected to finish among the top four of the always tough MACJC South Division.

The first test of the new season comes Monday, November 3, when the Lady Warriors travel to Coahoma Community College. The non-division battle begins at 6 p.m. on the Clarksdale campus. The home opener is Thursday, Nov. 6 with Delgado Community College. Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

"I'm really excited about this year's team," said Porter. "Everyone is working hard to achieve one goal: winning! We return an All-State player and leading scorer in Jaleshia Jones, and our starting point guard, Tynika Bender. We have also added transfers Tashi-ana Thompson and Shakerya Morrison, and freshmen Samantha Duncan and Johna Hughes that we are excited about."

Jones, a 5-9 forward, averaged 16 points, seven rebounds, two steals and one assist last season. In addition to receiving MACJC All-State recognition, Jones was named the Lady Warriors' best offensive player.

She is a product of Wayne County High School in Waynesboro, where she received best offensive player, most versatile player and charge awards.

Bender, a 5-5 point guard, averaged 14 points, five assists, three steals and two rebounds. She hails

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from Newton High School, where she received the Coach's Award and was chosen best defensive player.

Other returnees are Keoceania Yarbrough, a 5-6 guard and product of Louisville High School, and Breona Foster, a 5-5 guard from Neshoba Central.

Foster was chosen the Lady Rockets' most valuable player and was named All-District.

Thompson, a 5-8 shooting guard, comes to EC from Lithonia, GA, where she was selected "Miss Basketball" at Miller Grove High School. She also earned status in the 1000-Point Club and was a first team All-DeKalb County selection.

Morrison, a 5-11 forward, experienced a stellar career at East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C., where she received second team All-District and All-Conference honors. She also earned status in the 1000-Point Club.

Freshmen include guards Samantha Duncan (5-10) of Oak Grove High School in Hattiesburg and Kalybriah Haskin (5-7) of Olympian High School in San Diego, CA; point guards Richenda Cruther (5-7), of H.W. Byers High School in Lamar, and Johnta' Hughes (5-2), Hattiesburg High School; forwards Rolonda Washington (5-10) of Raymond High School and Jelisa Pearson (5-8), Quitman High School; guard/forward Alexia McDonald (5-10), Petal High School; and centers Courtney Harper (6-3) of Laurel High School and Breaushza Ragsdale (6-0) of Morton High School.

Duncan, a first team All-American selection, received most valuable player and most scoring award honors at Oak Grove.

Haskin's honors include most valuable player, first team All-League and first team All-Tournament.

Crutcher helped lead H.W. Byers to four state titles.

Hughes received most valuable player honors and was named first team All-Tournament.

Washington was selected best rebounder in Class 4A.

Pearson was named to the Class 4A All-District Team and received team captain, heart and most improved awards.

McDonald was an All-Tournament Team selection.

Harper was chosen on the Class 5A All-District Team.

Ragsdale was selected on the All-Tournament Team.

Kiara Ruffin begins her second season as assistant coach.

Student assistants and their respective high schools are Warner Parkes of Nanih Waiya, Teelisa Kennedy and Haley Watkins, both of Scott Central; Tamia Cavett of Jackson Murrah and Jamylia McLemore of South Jones.

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Ravion Henry had 17 points to lead the Warriors, who dropped to 5-3 overall and 1-1 in league play under second-year head coach Robert Thompson. Henry is a 6-3 freshman guard and product of Leake Central High School.

Also scoring in double figures were Isaiah Traylor, 13; and Prince McDaniel, 12. Traylor is a 6-4 freshman guard from Tupelo, and McDaniel, a 6-6 freshman guard from Pascagoula.

Other point makers were Derrick Dandridge of White Station High School in Memphis and Randy Phillips of Jackson Lanier, eight each; Quinton Campbell of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile, seven; Ramone Tate of St. Stanislaus, four; and Monte Bowie of Morton, three. Campbell led in rebounds with eight.

Bryce Jones pumped in 25 points to lead the Bobcats, who bettered their record to 8-0 and 2-0.

EC squads complete 2014 competition on the road, as they take on Baton Rouge on December 13 and Delgado on Dec. 15.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors begin the New Year by traveling to East Mississippi Community College Tuesday, Jan. 6 in non-division action. Game times are 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on the Scooba campus.

Jones takes down

A packed Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building witnessed four of the state's top JUCO basketball teams in action Monday, Dec. 8, as East Central hosted Jones County squads in key MACJC South Division competition.

However, this night belonged to the visitors from Ellisville, as the Lady Bobcats and Bobcats rallied for victories.

In the women's contest, the Lady Warriors were unable to maintain its six-point halftime lead and fell 91-87 to the defending state champions.

The Warriors also led by six at the break, only to have the defending national champions rally for an 80-72 decision.

Jalesia Jones poured in 24 points to lead the EC women, who fell to 7-1 overall and 1-1 in division play under third-year head coach Crandal Porter. Jones, a sophomore guard/forward from Wayne County High School, also grabbed eight rebounds.

Other scorers in double figures were Shakerya Morrison, 14; and Samantha Duncan, 12. Morrison is a sophomore forward and product of East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C. She led the team in rebounds with 13. Du can, a freshman guar hails from Oak Gro High School.

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Taylor Baud pumped in 24 points lead the Lady Bobca who improved to 8-1 a 2-0.

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ECCC Squads Fall to Jones County

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East Central begins the New Year at EMCC Tuesday, Jan. 6 in non-division action.

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McDonald scores for EC

Alexia McDonald makes a shot for East Central Community College during a recent MACJC South Division battle with Jones County Junior College in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. McDonald is a freshman guard/forward from Petal.

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ECCC Squads post wins

MERIDIAN – Success on the hardwood continues for East Central Community College basketball squads following MACJC South Division victories over Meridian Community College Thursday, Dec. 4 in Graham Coliseum.

The Lady Warriors had little trouble with the Lady Eagles, as they cruised 95-68 and improved to 7-0 overall and 1-0 in division play under third-year head coach Crandal Porter.

EC's Warriors had a more difficult time with their opponent, as they rallied from a three-point halftime deficit and held on for a 79-70 decision over the Eagles. East Central improved to 6-2 overall and 1-0 in league competition under second-year head coach Robert Thompson.

Sophomore guard/forward Jaleisa Jones led the EC women with 19 points. The Wayne County High School product also grabbed seven rebounds.

Also scoring in double figures were sophomore guard Tashi-ana Thompson, who tallied 17 points, and sophomore forward Shakerya Morrison, who had 11 points. Thompson is a product of Miller Grove High School in Lithonia, Ga., Morrison hails from East Wake High School in Wendell, N.C.

Other scorers were Kalybriah Hoskin of Olympian H.S. in Chula Vista, CA, Breona Foster of Neshoba Central and Courtney Harper of Laurel, eight each; Johnta Hughes of Hattiesburg, seven; Samantha Duncan of Oak Grove, six; Tynika

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over MCC in division opener

Bender of Newton, five; Rolanda Washington of Raymond and Jelisa Pearson of Quitman, two each; and Alexia McDonald of Petal and Breaushza Ragsdale of Morton, one each.

Duncan and Morrison led in rebound with eight each.

Miaya Crowder poured in 23 points to lead the MCC women, who fell to 6-3.

EC held a 45-30 advantage at the break.

Quinton Campbell led the Warriors with 22 points. Campbell is a 6-7 sophomore forward and product of product of Mary G. Montgomery High School in Mobile.

Also scoring in double figures were freshmen guards Prince McDaniel, 14, and Ravion Henry, 12. McDaniel is a product of Pascagoula High School, and Henry hails from Leake Central.

Other point makers were Derrick Dandridge, a product of White Station H.S. in Memphis, and Isaiah Traylor of Tupelo, seven each; Ramone Tate of St. Stanislaus, six; Kristian Clark of St. Martin, five; and Monte Bowie of Morton and Randy Phillips of Jackson Lanier, three each.

Brandon McDaniels pumped in 26 points to lead the MCC men, who dropped to 3-3.

EC trailed 31-28 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors host division foe Jones County Junior College Monday, Dec. 8. Game times are 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

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ECCC trustees continue service

Continuing their service as officers of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees are, from left, Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake, chairman; Jerry Smith of Philadelphia, vice chairman; and Royce Shaw of Forest, secretary. Hollingsworth and Smith are beginning their second two-year terms in their respective positions. Shaw is serving his sixth two-year term as secretary. They were reelected by acclamation at the Dec. 17 Board of Trustees meeting on the Decatur campus. East Central Community College serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

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• Jeremiah Tindol of Philadelphia has been granted the Kincannon award and an Alumni award in the amount of $4,600 to attend The W in the fall.
Tindol is currently a high school senior at Newton County Academy.

• **Daniele Brock** was recently selected director of Housing and Student Activities at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Brock

Brock, who officially began her new duties in December 2013, previously held the position on an interim basis since Aug. 12, 2013.

Brock, who also serves as an adjunct instructor at ECCC, is a former elementary and secondary education teacher, serving in schools in Tennessee and Georgia. She is also a former high school choral director.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Brock served as Worship Leader/Music Director at Folkston United Methodist Church in Folkston, Ga., from August 2010 to June 2013.

Brock, a native of Mountain City, Tenn., received a bachelor's degree in music from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., in 1991, and earned a master's degree in post-secondary education from Troy University in Brunswick, Ga., in 2010. She completed an education specialist degree from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga., in 2012.

She is married to Scott Brock, who serves as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for the Warrior football team.

They have a daughter, Makaeya, a 10th grader; and a son, Brooks, a seventh-grader, who both attend Newton County schools.

• **Michael "Eric" Williams** of Bay Springs was recently selected director of the EMT-Paramedic Technology Program at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Williams, who also serves as program instructor, began his new duties on Jan. 2.

Prior to joining the ECCC faculty, Williams served the past year as an instructor of emergency medical technology at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

Williams

He also has 10 years of experience in emergency medical services, having served as a field paramedic for AAA Ambulance Services from 2003-2011. He also served the past two years as a field paramedic and educational liaison to Copiah County for Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital.

A 2002 graduate of Stringer High School, Williams received an associate of applied science degree at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville in 2008 and earned a bachelor of health science degree from the University of Mississippi in Oxford in December 2013. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in health science from Ole Miss.

He is married to the former Jessica Cagle of Collins.

Williams is the son of Carla and Jerry Moore of Bay Springs and the late Mike Williams, also of Bay Springs.

• **Brody Richardson** of Louisville is the 2013-14 recipient of the Sylvia Graham Haywood Memorial Scholarship provided at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Richardson

Richardson is a freshman liberal arts major from Winston Academy.

The scholarship was established by Mrs. Haywood's husband, Dr. William Thomas Haywood, who served as ECCC business manager and accounting instructor from 1951-58.

Mrs. Haywood, a member of the ECCC Class of 1954, served as editor of the Wo-He-Lo yearbook, performed with the Madrigals and was selected May Queen. She was an English teacher and later experienced a successful career as an attorney before losing her battle with cancer at age 48 in 1984.

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Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise to speak at ECCC

Special to The Star

DECATUR – Astronaut Fred Haise, who served as the lunar module pilot during the ill-fated Apollo 13 space mission in 1970 and is portrayed by Bill Paxton in the blockbuster film Apollo 13, will speak at East Central Community College in Decatur on Feb. 25.

Activities begin at 6 p.m. in Vickers Fine Arts Building Auditorium. There is no charge for admission and the event is open to the public. However, due to limited space, seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart said, "In his presentation titled 'Failure is Not an Option,' Mr. Haise will focus on the importance of education, training, innovation, leadership, teamwork, communication, and individual responsibility as the keys to success in any endeavor. His speech will address three major events in his life: Apollo 13, a near-fatal plane crash in 1973, and his participation in the development of the Space Shuttle that included commanding five test flights of the Space Shuttle Enterprise during the 1977 Approach and Landing Tests."

After his remarks, Haise will engage in a question-and-answer session in the auditorium.

Following his' presentation in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium, the college will host a reception in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria where attendees will have an opportunity to meet and speak to Haise.

For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, at (601) 635-6327 or by email at sholling@eccc.edu.

This free event is made possible through the financial support of the East Central Community College Foundation and the Oliphant-Martin Faculty Excellence Endowment.

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ECCC ranks high for school growth

For the second straight year, East Central Community College in Decatur is included in the list of 25 Fastest Growing Community Colleges in the United States.

That according to the Dec. 9 issue of *Community College Week*, a national publication in Selmer, Tenn.

East Central was ranked 20th in the list of two-year institutions with student enrollments from 2,500 to 4,999.

Information for the report involved enrollment comparisons from 2011 to 2012, when East Central's enrollment actually dropped from 2,675 to 2,494, a decrease of seven percent.

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart said the slight enrollment decrease does not diminish the college's success in attracting students, especially when compared to other state institutions.

"Although we dropped from sixth to 20th on this year's list, East Central is one of only two community colleges in the state of Mississippi still on any list at all," said Dr. Stewart.

"And even though our enrollment dipped as did so many others, it was not as significant as other institutions, which allowed us to remain on this prestigious list.

"Our inclusion in publications highlighting the work of our nation's community colleges goes a long way in realizing our vision of national recognition as a premier community college."

East Central Community College received national recognition earlier in the year in *Washington Monthly*'s 2013 College Guide's rankings of America's Best Community College. ECCC was ranked 23rd.

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ECCC to host Smithsonian exhibit

From school reports

East Central Community College was recently selected to serve as a host site for the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition, The Way We Worked, which will be on display for several weeks on the Decatur campus.

The exhibit officially opens with a special ceremony at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, in the Molly McGee Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

ECCC President Billy Stewart will preside at the grand opening and provide remarks about the exhibit, which is designed "to rediscover the strength and spirit of American workers through rare archival images, compelling videos and fascinating interviews."

Project Coordinator Chris Brady, who serves as ECCC art instructor, said the overall focus of the exhibition and its ancillary programs is "to honor and commemorate the diverse forms of work and its impact on the lives in the community."

Brady said several presentations and events are planned to supplement the Smithsonian exhibition, which will be on display in the Gordon Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

The first event features former astronaut Fred Haise, who served as the lunar module pilot during the ill-fated Apollo 13 space mission in 1970 and is portrayed by Bill Paxton in the blockbuster film, Apollo 13. His presentation is scheduled at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. There is no charge to attend his presentation titled Failure is Not an Option.

The first presentation features Rae Nell Vaughn, director of development for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Vaughn will speak on "The Social and Economic Impact of the Gaming Industry on the Choctaw Nation," beginning at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, in the Gold Room. Included in her presentation is a photo exhibition that documents the social and cultural changes which have taken place over the past 20 years due to the economic impact of gaming.

G. Everett Morgan, professor emeritus of poultry science at Mississippi State University in Starkville, will speak on "The Scope and Significance of the Poultry Industry in Mississippi," during his remarks scheduled Thursday, March 20. Morgan's presentation begins at 11 a.m. in the Gold Room and is part of "Workforce Appreciation Day" activities, which includes a chicken lunch. The program concludes at 1 p.m.

The third presenter is retired ECCC English instructor Ovid Vickers. Vickers, a local historian, folklorist, author, poet and longtime newspaper columnist, will discuss "Work in Literature" beginning at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the Gold Room.

"The Way We Worked" exhibit will also be available during Senior Day activities Friday, March 28, when high school seniors from throughout the EC five-county district will visit the Decatur campus. The annual event is highlighted by the appearance of Tony Dungy, former NFL head football coach and current commentator on NBC's Football Night in America.

Coach Dungy, who led the Indianapolis Colts to the 2007 Super Bowl Championship, will deliver his inspiring message to high school and ECCC students at Bailey Stadium to conclude Senior Day activities.

He will speak later that day as a fundraising event for the proposed Football Operations Center at Bailey Stadium. The dinner program begins at 7 p.m. at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia. Tickets to "Laying the Foundation - An Evening with Tony Dungy," are $125 and may be purchased by contacting the ECCC Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations.

The Mississippi Humanities Council serves as a sponsor for The Way We Worked Traveling Smithsonian Exhibition.

For more information, contact Chris Brady (601) 635-6229 or email cbrady@eccc.edu or Teresa Houston, vice president for instruction, (601) 635-6202 or email thouston@eccc.edu.

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ECCC announces annual HEADWAE honorees

From school reports

Sophomore Lindsey McCool and math instructor Robin Fulton, both of Louisville, were recently selected to represent East Central Community College in Decatur at the 2013-14 Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) program scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 18, in Jackson.

The annual HEADWAE observance was established by the Mississippi Legislature to honor the academically talented students and faculty members from each of the 36 public and private member institutions of the Mississippi Association of Colleges.

Honorees are invited to the State Capitol where they are welcomed by Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves and recognized in each Legislative chamber.

A luncheon is scheduled at the Jackson Marriott Hotel in downtown Jackson, during which each student and faculty honoree is recognized in front of their guests, institution leaders, corporate sponsors and legislators.

In addition to the public recognition, a booklet will be published featuring photos and biographical sketches of each honoree.

McCool is a sophomore at East Central, where she currently has a 3.95 grade point average. Her career goal is to become an occupational therapist.

She is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges; Warrior Corps; Sigma Sigma Mu Tau; Baptist Student Union; and Warrior Cheerleading squad.

Honors include her selection as a freshman and sophomore class favorite.

McCool

She was also recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Fulton

McCool is a 2012 honors graduate of Winston Academy, where selection to the Hall of Fame was among her numerous honors and awards.

She was also chosen a Mississippi Scholar.

McCool was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish Club, yearbook staff and cheerleading squad.

She received the Spanish Club and Cheerleading awards and was also selected an All-Star Cheerleader.

McCool is the daughter of Marc and Carrie McCool of Louisville.

Fulton joined the ECCC math faculty in August 2006.

She served the previous 10 years as a math instructor at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba. While at EMCC, she was selected HEADWAE Instructor of the Year and chosen a Lamplighter, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college faculty members.

She is also a former math instructor at Central Academy in Macon and Nanih Waiya Attendance Center and was chosen STAR Teacher at both schools.

In addition, she is a former adjunct instructor at ECCC.

At EC, Fulton serves as co-sponsor of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, an organization for pre-engineering majors.

She served as Common Core strategies presenter to high school teachers at the IMPACT Institute held at Mississippi State University during the summer of 2013. She will also participate in the 2014 event.

A graduate of Winston Academy, Fulton holds bachelor and master's degrees in mathematics from MSU.

She is married to Buddy Fulton and they have two grown children: Blake, an attorney for the Jones Walker firm in Jackson; and Anna, an ECCC Hall of Fame member currently attending physical therapy school at University Medical Center in Jackson.

Robin and her husband are members of Good Hope Baptist Church, where she teaches a college Sunday school class.

Her parents are former State Rep. Bobby Moody and Ann Moody of Louisville.

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ECCC, MUW announce partnership in culinary arts

DECATUR – Students enrolled in East Central Community College's Culinary Arts Technology Program can look forward to a "seamless" transition in continuing their studies toward a bachelor's degree at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, thanks to a partnership announced today (Feb. 3) between the two colleges.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), signed by ECCC President Dr. Billy W. Stewart and MUW President Dr. Jim Borsig during a ceremony on the Decatur campus, provides educational opportunities for students in the Culinary Arts and related hospitality fields, which at ECCC includes Hotel and Restaurant Management Technology.

"Career and technical credits earned within the ECCC program will transfer to The W," said Scott Tollison, dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies, in which culinary arts is administratively housed. "In addition, currently enrolled ECCC students will have access to The W's 'guest chefs' program that brings in leading culinary experts for demonstrations and there will be additional professional development activities for ECCC faculty members."

Regarding the partnership, Dr. Borsig said, "We value our growing relationship with our community college partners, and we're delighted today to partner with ECCC to strengthen the pathway for students in our state to earn a bachelor's degree. Our graduates have a record of success, and we are happy to provide access for ECCC students who want to continue their studies at the W."

Dr. Stewart responded, "The announcement of today's MOA between our college and Mississippi University for Women (MUW) is just one step in the fulfillment of our plan to design and implement coherent, structured educational pathways leading to certificate and/or degree completion as well as stackable credentials that enhance students' opportunities for career advancement and upward mobility."

He added, "Today's announcement serves as an example of the cooperation and collegiality among the state's community colleges and four-year universities. ...Our students will be the major beneficiaries and that is the way it should be."

Added Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC Vice President for Instruction, "This is an exciting opportunity for the students and faculty at East Central Community College to collaborate and expand their educational and professional capabilities. The clear pathways identified by this agreement will provide our students with a seamless transition that will foster their desire to complete a bachelor's degree."

Barry Karrh, now in his second year as ECCC's Culinary Arts Technology instructor, said he is "very pleased" the agreement is now in place after so much hard work between the two colleges.

He added, "I look forward to sending my best and brightest students to MUW."

One such student is Chris Brown, a sophomore from Forest High School.

"I would like to thank you (EC and MUW) for providing me with this opportunity and I plan to use it to the best of my ability," Brown said.

ECCC Culinary Arts Technology program began in 2008.

The W's Culinary Arts Institute is headed by Chef Erich Ogle. He and Karrh both hold bachelor's degrees from The W and master's degree from Le Cordon Bleu, the University of Adelaide.

"I'm very excited about the partnership between the Culinary Arts Institute and East Central Community College. I'm personally excited to be working again with my classmate Chef Barry Karrh. The W is thrilled to have this opportunity."

ECCC's Hotel and Restaurant Management program is led by instructor Lisa O'Neill. O'Neill holds a bachelor's degree in Hotel, Restaurant, Management and Tourism Management from the University of Southern Mississippi. She started the Hotel Restaurant Management Technology Program in 2005.

College presidents Dr. Jim Borsig, left, of Mississippi University for Women and Dr. Billy Stew of East Central Community College in Decatur sign a memorandum of agreement allow EC's Culinary Arts Technology and Hotel and Restaurant Management Technology student transfer credits toward a bachelor's degree from The W's Culinary program. The announ ment was made Feb. 3 during a press conference held on the Decatur campus. (EC Pho

"I believe this agreement will allow an opportunity for all the ECCC Hospitality students to obtain more self-esteem in obtaining a higher degree, more job opportunities, as well as, better jobs just starting out of college, and more money earned during their entire career."

Nan Hartness of Louisville, a sophomore in the Hotel and Restaurant Management Technology program, said, "When I graduate from college, I plan on opening a restaurant. Now that my classes can transfer to Mississippi University for Women, I can enroll in the bachelor's degree program in Entrepreneurship.

"This degree will help me learn the business side of opening a restaurant.

"It will also allow me to have a broader range of career choices if I decide12 to do something other than ope restaurant."

Both Brown and Hart are dually enrolled in Culinary Arts Technology Hotel and Restau Management Technology grams.

For more information, tact instructors Barry K (601-635-6252) or O'Neill (601-635-63 Their email addresses bkarrh@eccc.edu loneill@eccc.edu.

WEEK OF Feb. 9, 2014

Anchor to speak at ECCC Black History program

Gospel choir to perform

From school reports

East Central Community College will hold its annual Black History Month Program Wednesday, Feb. 19, on the Decatur campus.

Activities begin at 7 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium.

There is no charge for admission.

Andrea Williams of WTOK-TV in Meridian will serve as guest speaker.

Williams began her employment at WTOK in 1999 as an anchor/reporter. She currently anchors the Good Morning Meridian program.

Williams

A native of Pulaski, Williams is a 1993 honor graduate of Jackson State University. While in college, she studied abroad for a year-and-a-half at the University of Ghana in West Africa. After college, Williams worked for almost two years an anchor/reporter for the Southern Urban News Network and as an associate producer for WLBT-TV in Jackson.

The ECCC Gospel Choir sponsors the Black History Program and will also perform.

Brenda Johnson serves as gospel choir sponsor.

For more information, contact Kathy Sanders at ECCC, 601-635-6215 or email ksanders@eccc.edu.

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ECCC staff named to PR Association

Selected to lead the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM) in 2014 are (seated from left) Bubby Johnston, president/hospitality room chairman, and Maria McLeod, secretary, both of East Central Community College in Decatur; Donna Thomas, treasurer, Itawamba Community College in Fulton; Judy Isbell, past president, University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Park campus; and Steve Diffey, scholarship chairman, Holmes Community College in Goodman; and (standing from left) Board members Caron Blanton, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning; Phillip Smith, Mississippi State University, Starkville; Julie Bauer (also serves as awards chairman), Northwest MS Community College in Senatobia; Tracy Duncan, Hinds Community College in Raymond; and Clotee Lewis, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning. Not pictured are Danny Blanton, vice president, University of Mississippi in Oxford; and Board members Barbara Tillery, William Carey University in Hattiesburg; Kell Smith, Mississippi Community College Board; and Barin von Foregger, Holmes Community College, Ridgeland campus. The 2014 CPRAM Conference is scheduled May 19-20 in Tupelo.

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East Central moving forward with "2020 Vision"

When Dr. Billy W. Stewart was selected as president of East Central Community College in Decatur in 2012, his goal was to establish a strategic planning process, which would shape and guide the future of the 85-year-old institution.

As a result, 2020 Vision was created and includes a long-term desire to be nationally recognized and locally preferred while meeting the educational and training needs of the residents of the college district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

According to Dr. Stewart, 2020 Vision's seven Core Values of Wisdom, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Enthusiasm, Efficiency and Creativity (WE ARE EC), "define the institution's highest priorities and deepest-held beliefs."

2020 Vision is also comprised of five institutional commitments: Student Success, Teaching and Learning, Community Partnerships, Resource Planning and Development, and Communication.

During the past year, the college began making strides towards those commitments as evidenced by recent successes and accomplishments.

East Central Community College received national recognition for its success in providing a quality education when it was selected 23rd best community college in the nation by Washington Monthly. In the magazine's September edition, ECCC was included in the 2013 College Guide's annual ranking of "America's Top 50 Community Colleges."

The success of ECCC students was also recognized in recent reports from Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning, which revealed that transfer students from East Central achieved the highest cumulative grade point average (3.18) retaining and providing services to military students and for two consecutive years has been named a Military Friendly School. G.I. Jobs magazine included ECCC in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide in providing educational services to military students following a survey of more than 12,000 schools.

East Central Community College's athletic department also received national recognition as seven ECCC teams were honored for their success in the classroom.

The men's and women's tennis teams received the highest recognition with their selection as National Junior College Athletic Association Academic Tennis Teams of the Year. Men's Soccer (2nd), Baseball (3rd), Women's Soccer (Tied for 4th), Softball (Tied for 12th) and Golf (Tied for 23rd) all placed in their respective sport areas.

Warrior athletic teams have also been nationally recognized for various community service projects.

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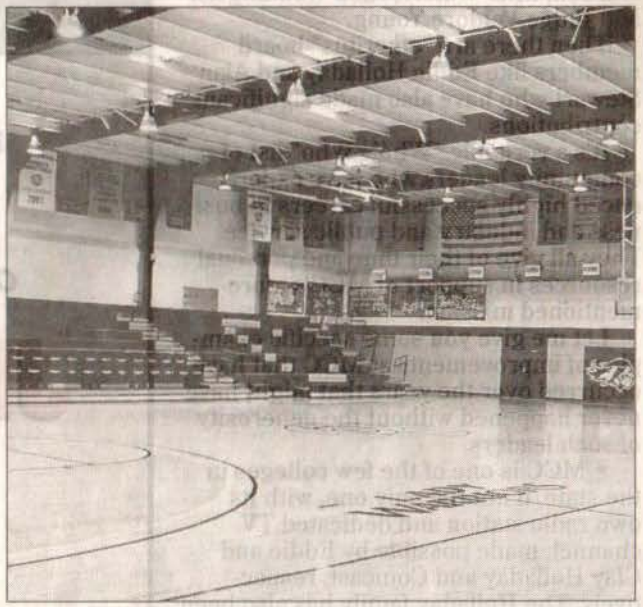

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With state and private funding, improvements have also been made to the college's physical plant.

Heading the list is the completion of Davis Hall, a state-of-the-art facility housing laboratory space for the entire science division. Cross Hall Science Building is currently undergoing renovations and will contain updated lecture halls for all science classes and house the Chemistry lab and classroom.

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The latest project is a proposed Football Operations Center to be constructed at the north end of Bailey Stadium. The estimated $4.8 million complex will include a state-of-the art weight room and athletic training facility for all student-athletes at the college.

It will also include a Warrior Room as well as meeting space for the department of athletics and the community. Also included in the plans is a $1 million turf field to replace the existing grass field.

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WEEK OF March 16, 2014

USM professor discusses Civil War at EC

Dr. Max Grivno, associate professor of history at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, presents Workshop of the Confederacy; East Mississippi in the Civil War during remarks Tuesday, March 4 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Dr. Grivno's presentation was held as part of the Traveling Smithsonian Exhibition, The Way We Worked, which will be on display through March 28 in the Gordon Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Several other presentations are scheduled in association with the Smithsonian exhibit. Dr. G. Everett Morgan, professor emeritus at Mississippi State University in Starkville will present The Scope and Significance of the Poultry Industry in Mississippi, as part of Workforce Education Appreciation Day and guest luncheon, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 20. Ovid Vickers, retired ECCC faculty member and local historian/author, will discuss Work in Literature, beginning at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. Both presentations will be held in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. For more information and to schedule tours of The Way We Worked exhibit, please contact Dr. Teresa Houston, at 601-635-6202 (thouston@eccc.edu) or Chris Brady, at 601-635-6229 (cbrady@eccc.edu). (EC Photo)

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Vickers to present at Smithsonian exhibit

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DECATUR — Ovid Vickers, retired East Central Community College English instructor and local historian/author, will discuss "Work in Literature" during a special presentation scheduled Tuesday, March 25, on the Decatur campus.

Vickers' remarks begin at 2 p.m. in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

His Work in Literature comments are among several presentations being held as part of The Way We Worked, a Traveling Smithsonian Exhibit hosted by ECCC through Friday, March 28. The exhibit is on display in the Gordon Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

For 40 years, Vickers was a faculty member at East Central Community College, but his interests and literary activity have ranged far beyond the classroom.

He is a recognized writer in the field of folklore as well as a published poet, a freelance writer and public speaker. Since graduating from college, Vickers has maintained a rich involvement in the life of the mind.

Vickers was born in Gadsden, Ala., but grew up in Dodge County, Ga. He was educated in the public schools of Dodge County, graduating from Chauncy High School in 1948. That same year, he entered George Peabody College for Teachers (now the School of Education of Vanderbilt University) in Nashville, Tenn. He received bachelor and master's degrees from Peabody and later returned to Peabody to earn a Specialist in Education.

Following graduation, he taught for one year at Rhine High School in Rhine, Ga., before being drafted to serve in the Korean Conflict.

He joined the ECCC faculty in 1955.

Vickers has been active throughout his career in national, regional and state organizations relating to the teaching of English literature and to the preservation of the South's rich heritage.

His stories, essays and poems have appeared in both scholarly journals and popular publications such as Southern Living Magazine. His poetry is included in an anthology of Mississippi writers, which is now used as a textbook in Mississippi high schools.

Vickers

For many years, he has spoken to groups across the state as a member of the Speakers' Bureau of the Mississippi Humanities Council.

Although he has been recognized as a writer and speaker, Vickers is quick to point out that he is first and foremost a classroom teacher. He readily admits that his greatest pleasure is exchanging ideas with a room full of young people who have a love for learning.

For more information or to schedule a tour of The Way We Worked exhibit, call 601-635-6202 or 601-635-6229.

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ECCC bookstore hosts giveaway

The Bookstore at East Central Community College in Decatur held a Valentine's Day Giveaway for its patrons. Bookstore employee Ashley Patterson (left) presents the winners, freshmen Shana Evans of Lawrence (middle) and Melanie Moore of Lake (right), with their prize teddy bears.

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From school reports

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Activities begin with a silent auction at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner program at 7 p.m. The silent auction includes various types of sports memorabilia and other specialty items.

In a video message sent to the college, Coach Dungy expressed his excitement about the special event.

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Dungy is the No. 1 New York Times best-selling author of "Quiet Strength" and "Uncommon." He led the Indianapolis Colts to a Super Bowl victory on Feb. 4, 2007, and established an NFL first by leading his teams to the playoffs for 10 consecutive years.

Dungy has been involved in a wide variety of charitable organizations, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Athletes in Action, Mentors for Life, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, the Prison Crusade Ministry, and All Pro Dad. He also works with Basket of Hope, the Black Coaches Association National Convention, Indiana Black Expo, the United Way of Central Indiana and the American Diabetes Association.

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ECCC Daycare celebrates 100th day

Faculty, staff, and students at East Central Community College's Daycare Center in Decatur dressed up in decorated T-shirts Feb. 11, to celebrate the 100th school day of the year. In addition to celebrating with decorated T-shirts, students in the daycare spent the day practicing with the number 100 in their counting lessons.

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Alexander joins ECCC football staff

From school reports

DECATUR — Dennis Alexander was recently selected an assistant football coach at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Alexander will serve as offensive line coach, announced head coach Ken Karcher.

Prior to joining the ECCC coaching staff, the former University of Alabama football standout served the past year as offensive line coach and run game coordinator at Shades Valley High School in Irondale, Ala.*

Alexander served from 2010-13 as head football coach and head track coach at Bessemer City High School in Bessemer, Ala. He served a brief stint in 2009 as offensive line coach for the semi-pro Birmingham Wildfire.

Alexander began his coaching career as offensive line assistant coach and substitute teacher at Jess Lanier/Bessemer

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ECCC Alumni Board Making Plans for 2014 Activities: The East Central Community College Alumni Board recently held its spring semester meeting on the Decatur campus. Topics of discussion included the annual MS Community College Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, scheduled Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at the Muse Center on the Rankin County campus of Hinds Community College. Former basketball standout Evelyn "Snoopy" Bender of Newton will represent ECCC in this year's prestigious group of former standout athletes and coaches. Plans are under way for the 13th Annual Warrior Golf Classic, set for Thursday, June 26, 2014, at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club. The four-person scramble will be held on the Oaks Course. Activities are also being planned for the 2014 Homecoming, which will be held Saturday, October 11. A list of reunion groups to be honored will be announced at a later date. Seated from left are Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations; Ann Burkes of Decatur, Newton County representative; Cheryl L. Comans of Cleveland, Out-of-District representative; Jeanette Beevers Thrash of Decatur, Association vice president; and ECCC staff members Sherri Cliburn, 2013-14 Faculty Club President, Amanda Walton, career-technical counselor; and Dr. Teresa Houston, vice president for instruction. Standing from left are Pete Lucovich of Carthage, Leake County representative; Bruce Lee of Louisville, Winston County representative; Bart Gregory of Starkville, Out-of-District representative; Harvey Trapp of Decatur, Newton County representative; Dr. Bob Tom Johnson of Forest, Association past president; Dr. Randall Lee, ECCC vice president for student services; and ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart. Dr. Stewart also addressed the group and provided an update of college events and activities.

Winston County Journal

East Central moving forward with '2020

From press reports

When Dr. Billy W. Stewart was selected as president of East Central Community College in Decatur in 2012, his goal was to establish a strategic planning process, which would shape and guide the future of the 85-year-old institution.

As a result, 2020 Vision was created and includes a long-term desire to be nationally recognized and locally preferred while meeting the educational and training needs of the residents of the college district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

According to Dr. Stewart, 2020 Vision's seven Core Values of Wisdom, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Enthusiasm, Efficiency and Creativity (WE ARE EC), "define the institution's highest priorities and deepest-held beliefs."

2020 Vision is also comprised of five institutional commitments: Student Success, Teaching and Learning, Community Partnerships, Resource Planning and Development, and Communication.

During the past year, the college began making strides towards those commitments as evidenced by recent successes and accomplishments.

East Central Community College received national recognition for its success in providing a quality education when it was zine's September edition, ECCC was included in the 2013 College Guide's annual ranking of "America's Top 50 Community Colleges."

The success of ECCC students was also recognized in recent reports from Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning, which revealed that transfer students from East Central achieved the highest cumulative grade point average (3.18) of all community college transfers in the state.

In addition to its academic success, East Central Community College was listed as the Sixth Fastest Growing Community College in the nation with enrollments from 2,500 to 4,999, according to reports published in Community College Week.

The college was also recognized for success in recruiting, retaining and providing services to military students and for two consecutive years has been named a Military Friendly School. G.I. Jobs magazine included ECCC in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide in providing educational services to military students following a survey of more than 12,000 schools.

East Central Community College's athletic department also received national recognition as seven ECCC teams were honored for their success in the classroom.

The men's and women's tennis teams Association Academic Tennis Teams of the Year. Men's Soccer (2nd), Baseball (3rd), Women's Soccer (Tied for 4th), Softball (Tied for 12th) and Golf (Tied for 23rd) all placed in their respective sport areas.

Warrior athletic teams have also been nationally recognized for various community service projects.

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Hall Science Building is currently undergoing renovations and will contain updated lecture halls for all science classes and house

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Dungy delivers speech at ECCC

Photo courtesy of East Central Community College

Former Indianapolis Colts head coach Tony Dungy is pictured speaking to 1,000 area high school seniors during senior day activities Friday on ECCC's campus.

From school reports

DECATUR — Former NFL head football coach Tony Dungy shared his message with more than 1,000 area high school seniors during Senior Day activities at East Central Community College.

During his inspirational message, Dungy told the special campus visitors to believe in themselves, believe and trust in the Lord and don't be afraid to break away from the crowd. He also stressed the importance of setting and achieving goals.

In addition, Dungy told the high school seniors to learn how to bounce back from disappointments.

Coach Dungy was on campus prior to serving as keynote speaker later that day for the ECCC-sponsored, "Laying the Foundation: An Evening with Coach Tony Dungy," at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

The special program served as a fundraiser for a new football operations center at ECCC's Bailey Stadium. Dungy's appearance in Decatur and Philadelphia is a result of his longtime friendship with ECCC head football coach Ken Karcher.

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New scholarships established at ECCC

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DECATUR – Each year, alumni and friends of East Central Community College provide much-needed financial support for students in the five-county district through various annual and endowed scholarships.

Three new scholarships were recently approved by the College's Board of Trustees and include the Etheridge Family Scholarship, Square County Auctions Scholarship and the Eastside Pawn and Gun Scholarship.

The Etheridge Family Scholarship was established by Tam H. Etheridge through the T.H. Etheridge trust on behalf of his three sisters and himself, all of whom attended East Central Community College. They are the children of James and Pauline Etheridge of Louisville.

Etheridge is a member of the East Central Community College Class of 1953 and was selected Alumnus of the Year in 1998. He served as editor of the Wo-He-Lo yearbook his sophomore year and met his future spouse, Nora Reagan, while she was visiting ECCC at Homecoming in 1952. They have two children.

He continued his education at Mississippi State University and majored in accounting. Following three-and-a-half years of active duty military service as a carrier pilot in the U.S. Navy, he went to work for R&R Hatchery & Milling Company, Inc., in Carthage. He later became the owner of this company, then named Choctaw Maid Farms, Inc., with operations in several counties of central Mississippi.

Jamie Etheridge Harrell is a member of the East Central Community College Class of 1949 and was selected May Queen her sophomore year. She continued her education at the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She earned a master's degree in music education and taught music in a number of schools before her retirement. She lives in Rayville, La., with her husband, James, and plays the organ and piano at Rayville Methodist Church. The Harrells have one son.

June Etheridge Addkison is a member of the ECCC Class of 1951 and also began dating her future spouse, Dwight Addkison, while both were students at the college. The Addkisons continued their education at Mississippi State University and settled in Louisville following college.

June continues to teach music education and private piano lessons. For 28 years she has been the music director at Calvary Baptist Church west of Louisville. Dwight had a career in the business world until his death in 1980. The Addkisons have two children.

Etta Etheridge Carpenter enrolled at East Central in 1953 on a band scholarship. Following her freshman year, she married sophomore Mel Carpenter, a 2006 inductee in the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame, and they continued their education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mel began a career in athletics at Perkinston Junior College and later became Director of Athletics and a professor at Central Florida Community College in Ocala, Fla. The Carpenters retired in Florida and have four children.

The Etheridge Family Scholarship will be awarded annually to an ECCC student who has completed his or her freshman year in the field of business, preferably with an emphasis in accounting.

To qualify, candidates must meet the following criteria: 1) Be a resident of the college's five-county district; 2) be enrolled full-time at East Central his or her freshman year after high school graduation; 3) attain sophomore standing; 4) have maintained a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale; 5) major in business with an emphasis in accounting; and 6) must show need for financial assistance.

This is a two-semester scholarship and recipients must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and must continue full-time study at East Central to continue receiving the award.

The Square County Auctions Scholarship was established by Joe Andy Helton and will be awarded annually to a graduate of Leake Central High School who enrolls full-time in the fall following high school graduation.

Also established by Mr. Helton, the Eastside Pawn and Gun Scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduate of Leake Academy who enrolls full time following high school graduation.

Recipients of both scholarships will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

"The ECCC Foundation would like to thank our donors who continue to support the scholarship program," said Dr. Hollingsworth. "We also encourage others to establish scholarships and help meet the financial needs of students." During 2013, the East Central Community College Foundation awarded approximately 130 scholarships valued at $71,340.

For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, (601) 635-6327 or call toll free, (877) 462-3222, ext. 327. Her email address is sholling@eccc.edu

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WEEK OF April 13, 2014

Emmons selected academic instructor of the year

Natalie Emmons of Lake was selected as Academic Instructor of the Year at East Central Community College in Decatur, where she has been employed as keyboard/music instructor since 2007.

Emmons

Upon her selection, Emmons said she felt overwhelmed.

"I not only have to raise expectations for myself, but also for the college. I want to be able to live up to this honor and strive to become a better instructor."

During her tenure at the college, Emmons has taught a variety of music classes such as music theory, music appreciation and applied piano.

But for Emmons, being a part of her students' lives does not stop outside of the classroom.

"Musicians are different creatures," she said. "When you become involved with musicians, you can't help but become intertwined with who they are."

"We try to see our students grow not only in knowledge, but emotionally. We try to teach them that music is more than notes on page, but there is also an emotional side to it," she added.

Emmons is the director of the college's musical theatre organization, EC Encore. She is also the accompanist for the concert choir.

Aside from her family, Emmons said Gospel music has been the most influential on her career.

"Church is where I get to express who I am. It is an outlet for me to express the part of music I like. It's in church where I get to draw and act on it."

Prior to teaching at the college, Emmons taught private piano lessons for eight years.

Emmons has written nearly 40 Southern Gospel songs and three church dramas. Several Southern Gospel groups such as the Bean Family, the Brown Family and Three for One have recorded her work. Of the songs, she has had three to make it all the way to the "charts."

She is also an award-winning vocalist and composer. She won the National Quartet Convention Talent Search once in 1990 with her sister, Nicole Smith, and again in 2001 in the solo division. She is recognized as the competition's only two-time award recipient.

In addition to her associate's degree from East Central, Emmons holds both a bachelor and master's degrees in piano performance from Mississippi College.

While at MC, she received the Mary Nelson Piano Award in 2003 and 2004 and was Mississippi Music Teachers' Association Student of the Year in 2003.

In 2008, Emmons was selected as Humanities Instructor of the Year.

She is a member of Salem Baptist Church where she serves as the pianist and music director.

Emmons is married to Joey Emmons. She has two children: Tallie Johnston, 15, a senior home-school student, and Tate, who is three.

She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Larry Duncan, also of Lake.

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Cliburn named workforce education instructor of the year

East Central Community College in Decatur named Sherri Byars Cliburn of Union as the 2014 Workforce Education Instructor of the Year."

Cliburn

Cliburn said she knew she wanted to be in the classroom since she was in first grade.

"It was the most exciting place that I could imagine. I rode the bus home, pulled out the Fisher-Price schoolhouse (complete with a tiny chalkboard) and forced my 3-year-old sister to be my class. Obviously, she needed to share in the fun," she said.

"School is still an exciting place and teaching allows me to share my passion for learning with others. For me, education was the only real choice."

Cliburn said she is touched and honored to receive such an honor.

"I feel unworthy and a bit like Sally Field when she told the audience at the Academy Awards, 'you like me, right now, you like me,'" she said.

Cliburn has served as career technical support services instructor in reading since 2000.

Before being employed at the college, she taught fourth grade at Union Elementary School and gifted education at Neshoba Central Elementary School.

"I love EC and the people that work here. The Workforce Education Division is my extended family and for this I am truly grateful," she said.

She said Wanda Byars had a great impact on her career.

"Aunt Wanda taught first grade for 42 years, yet she never lost her passion for teaching," she said. "Every child was special to her. The students continue to be what I like most about education. I delight in looking into the eyes of someone at the exact moment that he or she understands what is being taught."

She is serving her second term as president of the Administration, Faculty and Staff Association. Previously, she served as vice president for two years, secretary for a year and program chair for four years.

Currently, she is serving as chairperson for the Literary Committee and she has been a sponsor for SkillsUSA for eight years.

She is a member of the Union Chamber of Commerce, International Reading Association and State Affiliate Challenge Master for Destination Imagination, an international problem-solving competition.

Cliburn holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mississippi State University.

A member of First Presbyterian Church of Union, she serves as vacation Bible school director and vice president of Women in the Church.

She is married to Gene Cliburn and they have five children: Erin, Logan, Caroline, Byars and Molly Catherine. They also have two grandsons, Mason and Asher. Cliburn is the daughter of Hal and Myra Byars of Philadelphia.

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Coach Dungy talks

Coach Dungy Addresses Sold-Out Crowd for ECCC Event

Super Bowl-winning coach Tony Dungy was the featured speaker for an East Central Community College-sponsored event held Friday, March 28 at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia. Coach Dungy talked about the many influences in his life that helped guide him throughout his career. He mentioned his father who spent 30 years as a junior college teacher in Michigan. "I know the value of a junior college education," said Coach Dungy, who came to the special event due to his relationship with ECCC head football coach Ken Karcher. The two longtime friends not only share football coaching but a strong Christian faith. "I believe in the mission here at ECCC....and wanted to do what I could to help Coach Karcher and East Central succeed." Coach Dungy earlier that day spoke during Senior Day activities on the Decatur campus and later at a Press Conference in the Vincent Administration Building. His comments were mostly about mentoring youth, making sure they set and achieve goals and know how to bounce back from disappointments. Coach Dungy also talked about his Super Bowl-winning quarterback, Peyton Manning, who led the Denver Broncos to the 2014 championship game. Like everyone else, Dungy was astounded by Manning's comeback from what many had feared was a career-ending neck injury. "That he was able to come back from that and have a record-breaking season is a credit not only to him but the way he was raised." Dungy retired from coaching in 2008 and now serves as an analyst for NBC's Football Night in America. He is also the #1 New York Times best-selling author of "Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life" and "Uncommon Marriage: Learning about Lasting Love and Overcoming Life's Obstacles Together." Coach Dungy's appearance at the Neshoba County Coliseum served as a fundraising event for a new Football Operations Center at ECCC's Bailey Stadium. The special program, "Laying the Foundation: An Evening with Coach Tony Dungy," also included a silent auction featuring various sports memorabilia and other items.

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Services set for today in Decatur for former ECCC President Eddie Smith

Eddie Smith

Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur for former East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., also at Clarke-Venable.

Dr. Smith died Monday at his home in Decatur, following a lengthy illness.

Dr. Billy Stewart, president of East Central, said, "Our college and community lost a great man earlier today. Dr. Smith served as president of this institution with honor, integrity, and a commitment to excellence for 15 years.

"He left an indelible mark on East Central Community College and on the lives of those who were fortunate to know him. We are a stronger and better institution today because of Dr. Smith's leadership. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Charlotte, and daughters, Kelli and Wendy."

Dr. Smith, 71, led the institution from 1985 to 2000 and served his alma mater as its sixth president.

Ovid Vickers, retired ECCC faculty member, said of his former student and fellow educator:

"Dr. Smith was a devoted family man and a devout Christian, whose contributions to the Mississippi Community College System are too numerous to list. He was a very dedicated educator and had devoted his life to the process of education. He served well as the President of ECCC."

During Dr. Smith's tenure, the college experienced unprecedented growth in numerous areas, especially in enrollment, program offerings, campus facilities and workforce education and training. He also led the college through two reaccreditations by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

An increased emphasis was placed on recruiting students of all ages. As a result of a closely followed recruitment and retention plan, enrollment increased each of his 15 years at the helm.

Serving students remained Dr. Smith's top priority throughout his administration. The Student Union Building bears his named in recognition of his dedication to providing the best education and college experience for students of all ages.

East Central began offering programs in the health-related field during his administration. Those programs include surgical technology, licensed practical nursing, and associate degree nursing.

The college also increased its evening class schedule by offering classes at locations throughout the five-county district to assist students with their educational needs.

Various renovations of college buildings and additions to the Decatur campus were also made during this period. East Central purchased the former Newton County High School property (earlier Decatur High School) and made extensive renovations. The area is now referred to as South Campus and includes classrooms and laboratory space, faculty offices, and a library for the Town of Decatur.

New buildings constructed under Dr. Smith's leadership included the Associate Degree Nursing/Child Care Technology Building (now named for former ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin), the Workforce Development Center (previously referred to as the Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center), Erma Lee Barber Hall (named in honor of the former dean of women) and the Student Union (named in honor of Dr. Smith).

Efforts in workforce education and training continue at the college, as various services are provided individuals, businesses and industries in skills training, career counseling, job placement and customized personal development.

The college also increased its efforts in the area of alumni relations and fundraising with the creation of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Among projects sponsored through the Foundation include the Welcome Home Archway and electronic marquee. The archway is a re-creation of a similar structure that greeted campus visitors from 1950 to the early 1970s. The Warrior,the college's alumni publications, began publication early in the early years of the Smith administration and is still published today.

In the area of athletics, new sports added during Dr. Smith's presidency included women's softball and men's soccer. Rodeo competition also began as an intercollegiate but has since been discontinued.

A graduate of Noxapater High School, Dr. Smith received an associate's degree from ECCC and earned bachelor and master degrees from Mississippi State University, and a doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He was married to the former Charlotte Flowers of Natchez. He had two daughters, Dr. Kelli Smith, a family medical physician with Magee Medical and Surgical Group in Magee; and Wendy Smith, who serves as director of choral and music instruction at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba.

Milling Funeral Home in Union is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete at this time.

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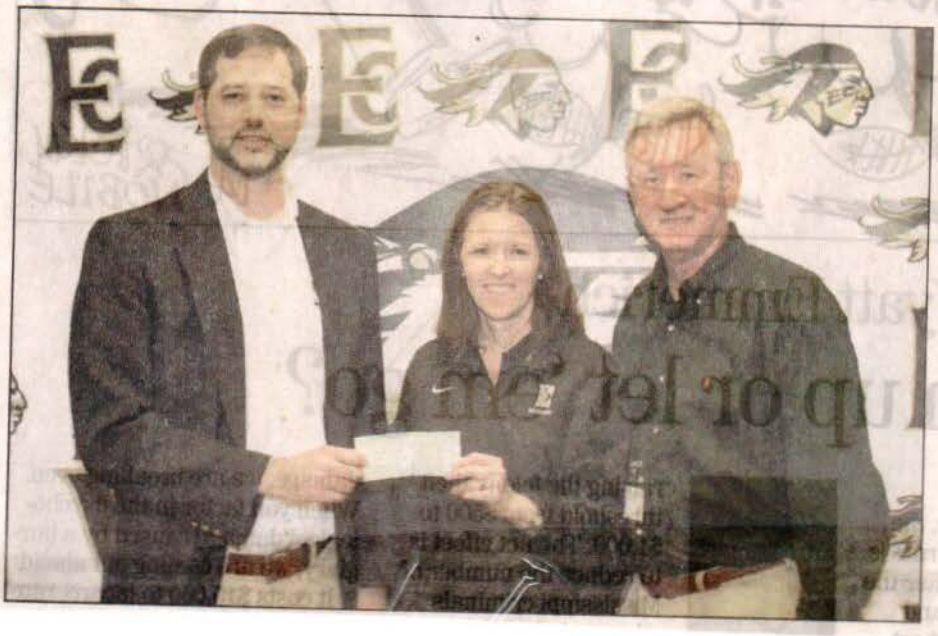
Decatur Lions Club donates to EC Warrior Club



The Decatur Lions Club presented a $500 check to the East Central Community College Warrior Club recently. Lions Club member Camp Keith, left, is shown presenting the check to ECCC staff members Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, and Chris Harris, athletic director. Harris said half the money is earmarked for the Warrior Club's Post-Season Play fund and the other half is undesignated. For more information on the ECCC Warrior Club or to make a donation, contact call 601-635-6327 or email sholling@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF April 13, 2014

Pit Orchestra for ECCC Musical

Pit Orchestra members for the East Central Community ENCORE production of Shrek the Musical are (from left) staff members Natalie Emmons, pianist; Ed Girling, percussionist; Ryan Clarke, bass guitarist; and Chas Evans, rhythm guitarist. The spring musical runs April 7-12 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Tickets have all been sold for the five matinee and three evening performances. Emmons also serves as director. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF April 13, 2014

Visit ECCC

Winston County Officials Visit ECCC

Winston County officials recently visited the East Central Community College campus and were special luncheon guests of the college's Board of Trustees at the March 18, 2014, meeting on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated, from left) Mike Peterson, District 3 Supervisor and Board President; Gloria Turnipseed, District 4 Supervisor; Kim Ming, Circuit Clerk; Julie Cunningham, Chancery Clerk; and ECCC Board of Trustees member Patsy Clark; and (back row, from left) James L. "Burr" Warner, District 1 Supervisor; Luke Parkes, District 2 Supervisor; ECCC trustees Randal Livingston and Leo Parker; and Larry Woodward, Tax Collector/Assessor. Not pictured are trustees Delane Hudson, Jerry Nance and Ken McMullan. ECCC Board Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake and ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart expressed their appreciation to the Winston County officials for their support of the College. East Central Community College's support district includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF April 13, 2014

Green donates jacket

Robert Green, right, of Walnut Grove, a 1967 graduate of East Central Community College, presents his basketball letterman's jacket to Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations. Green was a member of the 1965-66 and 1966-67 Warrior basketball teams. For more information regarding the college's collection of athletic memorabilia, contact Dr. Hollingsworth at 601-635-6327 or email sholling@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF May 4, 2018

ECCC administrative assistants honored

These East Central Community College staff members were honored for years of service at the annual Administrative Assistants Appreciation Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. Ginnie Barker, left, of Philadelphia was recognized for 28 years of service, and Karen Robertson, center, of Decatur and Linda McKee of Lake were each honored for 20 years of service. Barker is administrative assistant at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of ECCC. Robertson serves as administrative assistant to the Vice President for Public Information, and McKee is administrative assistant for Workforce Education. (EC Photo)

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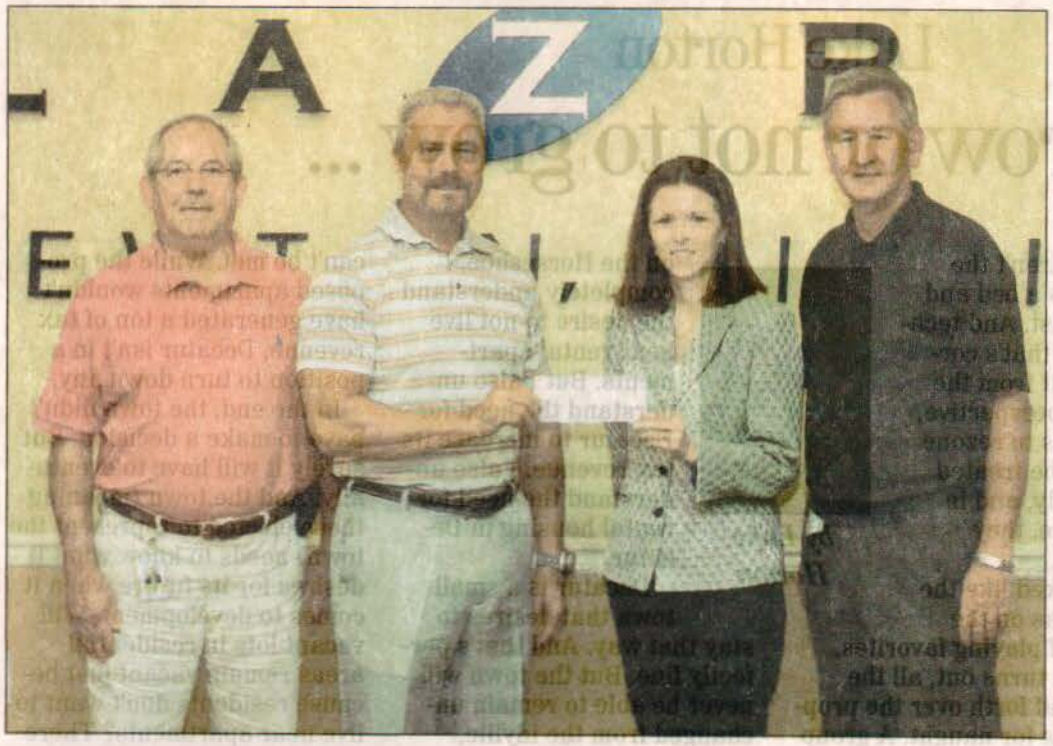
La-Z-Boy gives back to community



Officials at La-Z-Boy in Newton are shown presenting a $5,000 check to East Central Community College representatives for the proposed Football Operations Center. La-Z-Boy took advantage of the naming opportunities made available in the new facility and will have the company name on an assistant coach's office. A longtime supporter of the college, the company was also one of 20 table sponsors for "Laying the Foundation: An Evening with Tony Dungy," which also benefited the new football facility. La-Z-Boy also sponsors an annual scholarship at the college. From left are Tom Keith, human resources manager, and Don Mather, vice president and general manager, both of La-Z-Boy; Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC executive director for foundation and alumni relations, and Chris Harris, ECCC athletic director. Estimated to cost $4.8 million, the new Football Operations Center will be located in the north end of Bailey Stadium and will include a state-of-the-art weight room and athletic training facility for all student-athletes. Also included in the plans is a $1 million turf field to replace the existing grass surface.

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ECCC holds 85th commencement ceremony

More than 450 graduates were scheduled to receive diplomas Saturday, May 10, when East Central Community College held its 85th commencement. The ceremony was held in the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Included in the total are those who completed degree requirements following the 2013 summer and fall terms, according to Teresa Houston, Vice President for Instruction.

Those participating in the program included graduating sophomores Matthew Evans of Forest, who gave the invocation; Mary Margaret Bailey of Philadelphia, commencement speaker; and Chelsea Campbell of Forest, benediction. Clint Walker of Newton presented the musical selection "Go Light Your World."

Houston presented candidates for graduation and College President Billy W. Stewart awarded degrees and certificates to the following:

Chunky: Brandon Lee Davis, Taylor Nicole Gressett and Heather Johnson;

Conehatta: Rochelle Dawn Anderson, Daniel F. Byram, Breena Leshae Chickaway, Christon Flores, Courtney Johnson, Agnes D. King, Ashley Townsend, Kimberly Renae Round, Shawn Anthony Smith and Audriann Thomas;

Decatur: Christopher Cody Addy, Kiim D. Amerson, Joseph Keith Aulds, Aaron Brown, Rhonda J. Cooksey, Kaitlin Alisa Dean, Christopher Deion Nathan Evans, Chelsy Ezell, Shantavia Shontaye Gallaspy, Justin Taylor Gates, James Ottis Gentry, III, Trevor Graham, Stephanie A. Harrison, Robert Adam Hebert, Shawn G. Horn, Latishia Johnson, Axie Jones, Michaela Dawn Loper, Kara M. Miller, Christopher D. Morgan, Erin Stephens Platt, Caitlyn Sant, Adam. T. Savell, Holly Erin Schneller, Shalonda R. Singleton, Hannah Jean Smith, Kalvin Trent Smith, Shannon Marie Smith, Stephanie Nicole Spence, William Walker Stokes, Russ Thompson, William Claude Thompson, Robin Michelle Towner, Erica La'Techia Tucker, Jesse Browning Vaughn, Jordan Walker, Jalisa Wheaton and Zachary Lee Yates;

Hickory: Elizabeth Ashley Bishop, Marquis Ahkeem Ellis, Patti M. Ethridge, Emily Jacome-Cluff, Kelsie Mann, Felica Danielle Robinson and Bryant M. Williams;

Lake: Jessie Barrett, Matthew Bradshaw, Gary Cooksey, Brittany LeeAnn Edwards, Jacob Clark Emmons, Iris Gray, Yashica Tayana Ickom, Emmarald Jones, Kasey Logan, Brianna Lyndsay Parkman and Mark Anthony Shoemaker;

Lawrence: Keoddrick Hillie and Kristen Lee Williams;

Little Rock: William Alexander, Candis Edmonds, Ashley N. Hasenmueller, Jacob Scott Oliver and Colby Mark Rigdon;

Louin: Emily Claire Gully, LaRomeo Isiah McKee and Chad Glenn Simoneau;

Newton: Trevor W. Ayllon, Deloris Blaylock, Whitney O. Bowden, Jack W. Brand III, Kadarias Buckley, Deeanna M. Carlson, Kristen Reanne Carson, Mikayla Hadley Carson, Dama Jeanice Cates-Kilgore, Jennifer J. Collins, Rayanne K. Craven, Lillian Ann Curry, Kanairs Forte, Demetria Davis Jones, Jordyn Landry, Bernolia Laster, Shatorry A. Logan, Morgan Luke, Edward T. McMillan, Tyeshia Joy Meeks, Alma Olivia Pickens, Amanda K. Pientowski, Jasmaine G. Skinner, Brandon St. Clair, Robert Clint Walker, Megan Paige Wall and Kiyanna Monique White;

Philadelphia: Victoria Atkinson, Mary Margaret Bailey, Lance C. Barrett, Jake Boatner, Denise Boatright, Heather Necole Bradley, Jamie Danielle Buckley, Tylan Buckley, Joshua James Chesnut, Miranda Clark, Gregory Denzel Clemons, Cosper David Collins, Harley Dennis, Shatamia Fulton, Sharon Hobby, Jared Jaye Jim, Allie Carol Killens, Ryan Ladd, Kelsey Nicole Lewis, Jeremy C. Nowell, Estefania Elizabeth Olmedo, Lanna Parker, Cynthia M. Patrick, Jill Powe, Jermaine A. Russell, Jessica M. Skinner, Emily R. Smith, Summer N. Spivey, Micah Stewart, Ruby Stewart Gross, Sarah Stewart, Jesse Stokes, Cydney Alexandria Stuart, Elauran Adrianna Vowell, Keenen Wahwasuck, Scott Walker, Hillary Williams, Ronald Keith York and Leslie Young;

Sebastopol: Aderian Kendal Partain, Sabrina Posey and Weston McCoy Shaw;

Union: Ava Marie Adkins, Amanda Nichole Barnett, Joshua Lamar Bradley, Coni AhLa-Sha Bryant, Emma Catherine Burton, Ashley Nicole Butler, Casey Jane Cherry, Erika Clark, Tiffany Grace Dorman, Amanda June Freeman, Nathan Ross Griffin, Jessica Lynn Harrison, Chelsea Grace James, Jacob M. Loper, Meghan Leigh McPherson, Marje Shadae Moment, Jonathan Parker, Mary Elizabeth Price, Chelsea Ann Ricamore, Breanna Sheely, Jayohnnie Leigh Slaughter, Mattie M. Slaughter, Hayley Brooke Stephens, Payton Roger Stevens, Patricia A. Thweatt, Yancey Tillman, Adrian Nicole Tucker, Luke Viverette and Kristien Winstead

December 2013 graduates

Chunky: Katie Brackeen and Frances Alisabeth Carrizales;

Conehatta: Kelby Dene Anderson and TaSheena Lynee John;

Decatur: Matthew David Brown, Brooke Caraway, Christopher T. Smith and Kayla Taylor;

Hickory: Haley Marie Chapman;

Lake: Ashley Nicole Johnson;

Lawrence: Tanner Wes Clanton;

Louin: Antwain Boykin;

Newton: Kristen Carson, Christiana Collins, Karri Miller and Kacey S. Smiley;

Philadelphia: Eunice Charlene Estes, Mandrell Greer, Donna Leann Hickman, Stephanie A. Peavy and Meagan Brittany Warren;

Union: Shawn Michael Anderson, Alexander T. Farve and Jackie Le'Ann Moore

August 2013 graduates

Conehatta: Tracie May King, Bronzon Orduno and Charity LaShaun Waller;

Decatur: Jacob Dean, Richard W. Ferguson, Lynea Moreland, Brittany J. Smith and Brittianne Marie Taylor;

Hickory: Paula Suzanne James Bounds;

Lake: Leslie N. Tucker;

Little Rock: Travis Roebuck;

Newton: Latoria Sheniese Blaylock, Seth Cash, Nikisha R. Gibson, Leah Humphreys, Monica Lynn Russell, Cassidy Maree' Tasker, Deborah J. Williams;

Philadelphia: Dagan Elliott Kilpatrick, Summar Fortenberry, Lacey Jo Johnson, Brianna Gayle Spears;

Union: Tyler Rex Germany, Susan Jackson, Sannella Renee Payton, Mallory Peyton Williams

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WEEK OF May 18, 2014

Assistants recognized at ECCC luncheon

These East Central Community College staff members were honored for years of service at the annual administrative assistants appreciation luncheon held on the Decatur campus. Ginnie Barker, left, of Philadelphia was recognized for 28 years of service, and Karen Robertson, center, of Decatur and Linda McKee of Lake were each honored for 20 years of service. Barker is administrative assistant at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center, a division of ECCC. Robertson serves as administrative assistant to the vice president for public information, and McKee is administrative assistant for Workforce Education. ECCC President Billy Stewart presented certificates of appreciation to the honorees at the annual event, held April 21 in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

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WEEK OF May 25, 2014

Durham to retire after teaching career at East Central

East Central Community College English instructor Ann Durham will retire when the spring 2014 semester ends and she said it seemed appropriate to end her teaching career in the same place that she began her formal, collegiate education.

"Most assuredly, I will miss my colleagues, especially those in Newton Hall with whom I work most closely," Durham said. "They welcomed me and have become very supportive, trusted friends. When I first came to EC as instructor in 2006, I felt as though I was returning home."

At East Central, Durham teaches courses in Intermediate English, English Composition I, English Composition II and American Literature I and II.

Prior to her employment at the college, Durham taught in the Forest Separate School District, where she received STAR Teacher, Principal's Choice and Teacher's Choice awards. In addition, she served as division chair, personnel liaison and student teacher mentor.

Her parents, Judy and Tommy Woods, have been her greatest career influences.

"Definitely, the person who influenced me the most is my mom. There was never a question of whether I was attending college or not; it was a given and she never even verbalized it. My dad was influential in teaching me the work ethic and practical aspects of life that help people succeed."

Durham and her husband, Michael, have two children Michael Ann and John Cade and two grandchildren Brody and Callie. She is a member of Clifton Baptist Church where she teaches Sunday school and sings in the choir.

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WEEK OF June 1, 2014

ECCC plans no increase in tuition for 2014-15 school year

From school reports

Tuition will remain the same for the upcoming school year at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Billy Stewart.

Stewart

Stewart made the announcement following the May 13 meeting of the ECCC Board of Trustees, which approved his request not to raise costs to attend the two-year institution this year.

His recommendation not to raise tuition and general student fees is based on the proposed FY2015 E&G Budget, which is built upon a projected increase in state appropriations and student enrollment.

"The 2014 Mississippi legislature increased appropriations to community colleges by 4.6 percent which is proving very helpful in our goal to maintain our current charge for tuition. We appreciate their continued support of our college and the community college system," Stewart said. "In addition, based on preliminary enrollment reports, the College budgeted for an anticipated enrollment increase of 100 students in FY2015."

programs will be providing opportunities for students to earn stackable credentials through national certification testing. Therefore, the college is planning an increase in fees associated with certification testing in selected Workforce Education classes.

East Central, which serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties, offers one of the lowest tuition and fee schedules among the state's 15 community and junior colleges.

Tuition for in-state students will remain at $990 per semester. Students who reside out of state or out of country will continue to pay an additional $1,050 per semester.

Dormitory fees remain at $675 per semester for all dorms except Barber Hall, where the fee is $775 per semester.

The two meal plans offered at EC will also remain the same. A five-day meal plan costs $790 per semester. Students who prefer a seven-day meal plan will pay $970 per semester.

tration sessions are scheduled this summer for new and transfer students planning to attend the fall 2014 semester.

The first session will be held Saturday, June 7. Additional sessions are scheduled Friday, June 20; Friday, July 11; and Friday, August 8.

Fall classes start Monday August 18.

For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, at 601-635-6205 or email rlee@eccc.edu.

He noted that contingencies within the budget have been incorporated should the enrollment increase not materialize. He said the college will monitor actual enrollment figures and make changes as needed.

Stewart also explained that in an effort to address an action plan in 2020 Vision regarding coherent, structured educational pathways, several classes within Workforce Education

Stewart added, "We hope that our decision to not increase tuition and fees will allow more individuals to take advantage of the wonderful educational opportunities East Central has to offer. We are working hard in every aspect of college operations to be viewed locally as the preferred gateway to higher education and training for residents of east central Mississippi due to our focus on students and their success and our commitment to communities and their development."

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Neshoba officials visit ECCC campus

Neshoba County officials were luncheon guests of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees prior to the group's May 13, meeting on the Decatur campus. Seated, from left, are county supervisors Marty Sistrunk (District Four), Keith Lillis (District One), Kevin Cumberland (District Two) and Obie Riley (District Five); Neshoba Board Attorney Wade White; and County Administrator Benji Coats. Standing are ECCC trustees Edsel Cliburn of Union, David Byars, Neshoba County Supt. of Education Tommy Dearing and Jerry Smith (vice chairman), all of Philadelphia; and Neshoba Tax Assessor/Collector Mike Lewis. (EC Photo)

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ECCC to introduce new turf

Special to The Star

DECATUR — A groundbreaking ceremony for a new synthetic turf field is scheduled for today at East Central Community Collegeís Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus. The ceremony was scheduled following approval of the award of the bid by the ECCC Board of Trustees earlier this week.

Activities begin at 2 p.m. on Warrior Field for the new turf surface, which will not only be used for football games but will also host soccer matches and other special events.

CR Construction, Inc., of Flowood was the successful bidder for the eight-week project, estimated to cost approximately $727,000. The field is designed by Eley Guild Hardy Architects of Biloxi.

Funding for the installation of the turf field is provided in part from net proceeds of the recently held iLaying the Foundation: An Evening with Coach Tony Dungy.î The fundraising event was hosted March 28 at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia and featured the current analyst for NBCís Football Night in America, award-winning author and Super Bowl-winning coach who is also involved in a variety of charitable organizations.

"Thanks to the financial support from program sponsors — the Rush Sports Medicine Team, Anderson Regional Medical Center, Valley, and the more than 400 individuals who purchased tickets for the Dungy event, and the East Central Board of Trustees, we are able to begin the first phase of much-needed improvements to our football facility," ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart said. "We are also in the process of providing opportunities for businesses and individuals to help fund construction of the Football Operations Center, which will be constructed on the north end of the football field. We are very pleased with the response thus far and look forward to completing fundraising for the facility in the very near future."

Stewart will provide opening remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony. Also participating in the brief program will be Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Jerry Smith of Philadelphia; Athletic Director Chris Harris; Head Football Coach Ken Karcher; and Taylor Guild, representing the architectural firm.

The public is invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony.

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WEEK OF June 8, 2014

Cooper joins ECCC football staff as assistant

From school reports

DECATUR — Ben Cooper of Abilene, Texas, was recently selected as a graduate assistant football coach at East Central Community College, Warrior head football coach Ken Karcher announced. Cooper will serve as tight ends coach.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Cooper served the past two years as an assistant coach for the Abilene Bombers of the Arena Football League and the past four years as a graduate assistant at Hardin-Simmons University, also located in Abilene.

His duties with the Abilene Bombers included coaching offensive linemen, tight ends and fullbacks. He also assisted with special teams.

Cooper

Cooper helped lead the Bombers to the 2013 playoffs. His offensive line was voted "Best Line in the League" following the 2012 and 2013 seasons. Cooper was also selected to coach in the 2013 Arena Football All-Star Game.

He began his coaching career in 2010 at Hardin-Simmons, where he coached linebackers, quarterbacks and tight ends. He also served as a recruiter and was responsible for all out-of-state recruiting.

Cooper is a 2004 graduate of Austin (Texas) Hyde Park Baptist School, where he was a football standout at quarterback. He also excelled in basketball and track.

He continued his football career at Texas Lutheran University in Sequin, Texas, where he was a two-year letterman at tight end. He was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Cooper received a bachelor's degree in theological studies at Texas Lutheran in 2009 and earned a master's of divinity in family ministry at Hardin-Simmons in 2014.

He is the son of Walter and Juanita Cooper of Austin. He has a brother, Alexis Cooper.

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ECCC breaks ground on new turf field

Participating in groundbreaking ceremonies Friday for a new synthetic turf field at East Central Community College's Bailey Stadium in Decatur included (from left) Chris Harris, ECCC dean of athletics and personnel services; Ken Karcher, head football coach; James M. Bateman, EnviroTurf, Flowood; Billy Stewart, ECCC president; Jerry Smith of Philadelphia, vice chairman, ECCC Board of Trustees; and Taylor Guild III, principal architect with Eley Guild Hardy Architects, Biloxi. CR Construction, Inc. of Flowood was the successful bidder for the eight-week project, estimated to cost $727,000. Funding for the installation of the turf field is provided in part from net proceeds of the recently held "Laying the Foundation: An Evening with Coach Tony Dungy." Installation for the new surface is expected to be completed in time for the Warriors' 2014 home opener with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Thursday, Sept. 11.

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Maudean Sanders celebrates recent retirement

Grandchildren, gardening and travels will be at the top of Maudean Sanders "to-do" list following her retirement from East Central Community College on April 30, 2014.

Sanders has served as Dean of Institutional Effectiveness since July 2006. She previously served as Assistant Dean of Career-Technical Education and began her employment as Tech Prep Coordinator in 1993. In addition, she has taught adjunct classes in Early Childhood Education since 2001.

"I plan to spend more time with my family," she said when asked about retirement plans. "I have five grandchildren playing summer sports. My oldest grandson is on a traveling baseball team, Legends, out of Jackson and I plan to travel with the family to the games."

Sanders youngest son, Zachary (ECCC Class of 1997), is the assistant softball coach at Neshoba Central High School and she plans to attend his games as well.

"He still likes his mother to attend his events, whether he is playing or coach," she added.

Gardening is the activity she shares with oldest son Reid.

"I plan to have a garden. I love to be outside…Reid (ECCC Class of 1993) is a great gardener. He plants and keeps all the grass out and I pick and put the vegetables in the freezer or can them. Green beans cannot be frozen!" she noted.

The "land down under" begins her travels as she has already picked Australia as her first destination in August.

When reflecting upon her upcoming retirement, Sanders said among her first thoughts was "Where did all the years go?"

In addition to her 21 years at East Central, Sanders spent 10 years with the Choctaw Tribal Schools as a teacher and staff development/accreditation coordinator. She began her career with the Neshoba County School System, where she taught elementary and middle school for four years.

"I'll miss my friends, but I won't have to get up at 6 a.m. to come to work! However, I wonder if I will, financially, be able to do all the things I want to do!"

Although she is stepping away after 35 years, Sanders said she never considered another career path.

"I love education, and I love teaching," she said. "I never thought I would be anything else."

Perhaps her love of education came from those teachers whom she said influenced her most.

"Some of the special people who influenced my life were Maxine Dunn, my first and second grade teacher at Arlington; Leland Harrison, my high school principal at Neshoba Central; Carrie Ann Alford, my high school English teacher also at Neshoba Central; Prentice Copeland, former Neshoba County Superintendent of Education; and Ruth Hull, one of my instructors at East Central Junior College; and John Adcock, former Director of Career-Technical Education at East Central."

Maudean Sanders, a Neshoba County native, recently retired from East Central Community College in Decatur.

As with many retiring educators who look back over a long career, Sanders said her greatest enjoyment has come from the people.

"The greatest joys of my career have been the students and the people I have had the privilege to work with," Sanders said.

In addition to her sons, Sanders family includes her husband, Tommy M. Sanders, who she met at ECJC in 1969; daughter-in-law, Windee Sanders; and grandchildren, Sarah, Clay, Blake, Sam and Sadee.

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ECCC hosts Decatur, Newton County officials

Newton County and Decatur officials were luncheon guests at the April meeting of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. The special campus visitors are shown with Newton County trustees. Seated from left are county supervisors Kenneth Harris (District One), Bubba Bonds (District Four), Charles Moulds (District Three) and Jimmy Johnson (District Five); County Administrator Steve Seale; and Chancery Clerk George Hayes. Standing from left are trustee J.O. Amis, Newton County Superintendent of Education; Decatur aldermen Sid Etie (Ward Four) and Mark Buntyn (Ward Two); trustees Pat Cleveland of Conehatta, Van Lucas of Newton, Danny Lanier of Little Rock and Beverly Hart of Union; Decatur Mayor Pat O'Neill; and alderman Max Anderson (Ward One). ECCC Board of Trustees Chairman Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake and ECCC President Billy Stewart expressed appreciation to the county and city officials for their continuous support of the college.

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Case returns to ECCC staff

David Case was recently selected Vice President for Institutional Research and Effectiveness at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Billy W. Stewart.

Case, who began his new duties on May 1, 2014, previously served as Director of Monitoring at the Mississippi Community College Board in Jackson, where he assisted in developing an improved statewide audit system for community colleges for more than 80,000 students.

Case has more than 21 years of experience in higher education, which includes 18 years of service at ECCC, where he first served as Director of Technology Management and later as Dean of Admissions, Records and Research.

While at ECCC, Case was actively involved in the development and submissions of the college's 10-year reaffirmation report to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He was also involved in educational research for a number of years.

"Mr. Case has unique insight into the needs of

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ECCC and is excited about the opportunity to assist us in our endeavors to fulfill 2020 Vision," said Dr. Stewart.

A graduate of Jim Hill High School in Jackson, Case received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Mississippi and earned a master's degree in business administration from Millsaps College. He has completed additional coursework toward a doctorate in management science at the University of Alabama.

He is married to the former Paige Sullivan of Brookhaven, a Spanish and English instructor on the high school and collegiate levels. They have three daughters, Karen Elizabeth and Catherine Lovorn, both upperclassmen at Mississippi State University in Starkville, and Mary Madelon, a high school senior.

David's wife, Paige, is the daughter of the late Doug Sullivan of Louisville and Karen Lovorn of Nanih Waiya.

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From school reports

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Supervisors hear great news regardin

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By Daniel Brunty
The Winston County Journal

The Winston County Board of Supervisors handled a large agenda during their meeting on June 16 at the Winston County Courthouse.

The first business of the day for the board was to speak with East Central Community College President Dr. Billy Stewart. Stewart gave the board a report of the school's latest projects, status, and overall direction their administration is taking the school in the upcoming future.

Stewart first expressed his appreciation of all the supervisors who served on the board, as well as express his excitement about the news received about ECCC. Stewart informed the board of a recent newspaper article than ran in the Clarion Ledger that showed how Mississippi's community colleges ranked. Stewart was proud to tell the board that according to the article, ECCC is the #1 community college in the State of Mississippi.

Senator Giles Ward, Senator Burton, and Representative Bounds the school will receive an additional $400,000 next year. "Of that, $100,000 is earmarked toward a certain project," Stewart said. "But $300,000, we used all of that for salaries."

Stewart went on to give the board members more statistics regarding the school, including a Tuition Gap Filler Scholarship, the groundbreaking of an artificial turf field, and various campus projects.

Stewart also mentioned to the board about an initiative that the school's Board of Trustees has adopted, which full-time enrollment status has changed from 12 hours to 15 hours. This means to be considered a full-time student at ECCC, they must register for 15 hours per semester.

"We used to require 62 hours to graduate, but now it will be 60," Stewart said. "The reason this is important is because if a student came to us and only took 12 hours a semester, they would only have 48 hours after two years, 14 hours short of graduating."

well as changes in the grading scale and the late registration process.

Stewart then asked to board members to review a section in the booklets he provided earlier that was marked "Winston County Financial Data." The first thing he mentioned regarding this section was Meridian Community College President Scott Elliot contacted him a few weeks ago about entering into a consortium grant application, along with Bill Crawford and The Montgomery Institute, to help the citizens of Winston County. Stewart stated he informed Elliot he would be glad to do so.

Stewart went on to say after an initial meeting with Crawford, it was determined that the only qualifying entity that qualified for this grant was Roseburg, the plant that closed down. However, after a review of the terms of the grant, it was determined that they were not going for the consortium part of the grant. Stewart said he thought that without the consortium, they could not apply for the

The last item Stewart mentioned was that this past February, the school was full, meaning that the dorms had full capacity for this upcoming fall semester. Stewart then mentioned how in 1998 the Board of Supervisors was very supportive of building a new dorm.

"Every year, the board has had set the amount of approximately $35,000 a year that you give the college to help pay off the Barber Hall loan," Stewart said. "Other counties do the same, with many doing it by millage. We have always applied the original millage to the loan. In many years, as the value has increased the millage is worth more. Meaning we made payments towards the principal. We took out a 25-year loan, which should be paid off in the year 2023. But I am here to tell you that there is a possibility that we will pay it off next year, which would save the counties over $250,000 of interest in over the course of that loan."

That is when Stewart asked the supervisors to consider assisting the school in constr ing another new

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Helping to base their decision, according to Stewart, was the question of how did students who transferred from community colleges perform at a four-year university. Stewart stated that ECCC has the #1 transfer GPA in the State of Mississippi at 3.22, meaning on average most of their student transfers made the Dean's List every semester.

The next factor was cost of attendance at the schools, which ECCC ranks #2 in the state. Stewart informed the board, however, that after this year they would not go up on tuition and fees, and that Itawamba Community College, ranked #1 in cost of attendance at this time, would be going up on their tuition next year.

"We will be the most inexpensive community college when it comes to tuition and fees," Stewart said. "We will remain a $990 per semester. We don't gouge people. We believe that we can operate within our budget that we currently have, along with the increased state appropriations."

Stewart also informed the board by the hard work of Michael T. Evans,

Stewart said their board did not think this was right. "So we basically said take 15 hours a semester to be full-time, and four semesters to earn their 60 hours, and they are through with ECCC."

Stewart then explained to the board what steps they had taken in their Career Technical Programs. "We have broken every curriculum down in the programs to 30, 45, and 60-hour programs. What this means is if a student comes to us in Electrical Technology, after the first year life happens and they have to stop attending. In the past, they would have left us with a transcript stating they had completed some hours in electrical."

"Well, not now. Now they take the prescribed curriculum their freshmen semester, but they will leave with if they stop is a 30-hour certificate, meaning they completed something. It will be a the same with the 45-hour, and if they stay the two years they will have the degree."

Other initiatives Stewart mentioned were implementing credential testing into their technical programs, elimination of the graduation fee, as grant.

Stewart was happy t inform the board that they did not need the consortium to apply for the grant, and so the school is trying to enter into an agreement with The Montgomery Institute, who is helping to write the grant for Winston County for $2.6 million. This money will be used to train people for Natron, using some of the people that were affected by the Roseburg plant shutdown, and all those people around.

Stewart is hoping to receive those funds to help the county. He also stated that the school is also part of a statewide consortium looking to bring in grant funds.

"I would like for you to allow that one dorm to fall off the books, and pick it right back up under a new dorm, with hopefully no additional increase to the millage or any of that. Hopefully we can do it for the same amount we are paying off now, we can do another dorm at East Central without any real increase in millage to the taxpayers of our counties."

Stewart thanked the board for their time and then ended his presentation.

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Jones named EC assistant football coach

After serving the past year as a graduate assistant football coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, Charles Jones was recently named a full-time assistant on Coach Ken Karcher's staff.

Jones, who coaches safeties, officially begins the 10-month position on August 1.

Karcher, who begins his second year as Warrior head mentor, said Coach Jones "believes in the mission of the football program, is a good communicator and teacher, has a heart for young men and is a hard worker."

Jones, a native of Waynesboro, Georgia, and a product of Burke County High School, is a 2005 graduate of the University of Alabama, where he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and played in the defensive backfield for the Crimson Tide football team from 1999-2003. He was a three-year starter at safety and was named the All-Southeastern Conference Team as a defensive back in 2003. He also received the Bobby Jones Most Improved Defensive Back Award in 2001. Jones served as team co-captain his senior season in 2002-2003.

Charles Jones

After graduating from the University of Alabama, Jones was signed as an undrafted free agent by the NFL's New York Giants. Following a brief period with the Giants, he played for the Georgia Force of the Arena Football League for two seasons.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Mississippi State University in Starkville, where he coached defensive backs from July to December in 2008.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff as a part-time assistant, Jones held coaching positions at three high schools in Alabama – Central High School, Bessemer City High School and Jackson-Olin High School, serving as defensive coordinator at two of the schools.

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ECCC retirees honored

The above East Central Community College retirees were honored during the college's end-of-the-year luncheon held May 9 in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Pictured are (seated, from left) Ann Durham of Forest (English instructor), Maudean Sanders (Dean of Institutional Effectiveness) and Brenda Johnson (Computer Technology instructor), both of Philadelphia; and Stella Dickerson (Computer Technology instructor) of Union; and (standing, from left) Paula Kerr (ABE/GED Data Input Manager) of Newton, R.T. Purvis (Information Technology Specialist) of Decatur, Danny Gressett (Precision Machining Technology) of Little Rock, Chris Jenkins (Dean of eLearning) of Meridian and Roger Whitlock (Dean of Workforce Education and Development) of Union.

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IHL report shows East Central students are successful on next level

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These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to the University of Mississippi. Pictured are (from left) Greg Mitchell of Meridian, Felicia Robinson of Hickory, Brianna Parkman of Lake and Allie Killens of Saltillo. At right is Ole Miss representative Tyler Biggs who made the presentation.

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» **Krista M. LeBrun** of Meridian has been selected dean of e-Learning. She was director of e-Learning at Meridian Community College and distance learning coordinator. She is also a former online academic adviser and interim director of online marketing for the University of West Alabama in Livingston and a former adjunct instructor at MCC and UWA. She began her career in education as a computer instructor at the Meridian Activity Center and later served as an elementary school teacher from 2004-07 for the Lauderdale County School District.

After receiving her GED, LeBrun earned an associate's degree from Meridian Community College, a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mississippi State University-Meridian, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction in adult education with emphasis in distance learning at the University of Phoenix (online) and a doctorate in instructional leadership with emphasis in instructional technology from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, in 2012.

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EC tourney raises $10,000 for scholarships

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Ve want to thank all par- ants and sponsors for ner successful Warrior Classic," said Dr. ngsworth. "Net proceeds the tournament provide much-needed and appreciated scholarships for very worthy students."

The SouthGroup Cox team posted an 18-under par 54 in the 18-hole event held on the Oaks Course.

Team members include Bob Jordan of Kosciusko, and Pat Hardage, Jimmie Bell and Jimmy Brown, all of Carthage.

Finishing second with a 56 was the Howard Industries team, whose members included Rusty Thoms of Madison, Michael Green of Starkville and Gordon McClokey and Shane Lowrimore, both of Hattiesburg.

Southern Pine Electric Power Association placed third, also with a 56.

Team members were Chad Lewis and Jason Mangum, both of Decatur; and Lake Thoms and Hank Thoms, both of Newton.

Also competing in the championship flight were Community Bank (Tim Leitaker of Carthage, Steve Gibson of Forest, and Ray Riley and Gary Jolly, both of Madison), 58; First Financial Bank Team #1 (Brad Ogletree of Carthage and Jerry Bullard, Melissa Jerry and Chris Hegi, all of El Dorado, Ark., 58; Polo Custom Products (Casse Carpenter of Ackerman and Chris Covington, Tyler Moffitt and Tanner Long, all of Louisville), 59; and the Chris Harris Team (Dr. Billy Stewart, Chris Harris and Cole Harris, all of Decatur; and Barry Boatner of Meridian), 60.

SECOND FLIGHT

Junction Team # 1 took top honors in the second flight with a 60.

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Finishing third was (Doug Daly, Lance Duncan, Wright Griffis and Justin Webb, all of Philadelphia), 64; and PCA (Melanie Roland and Ken Ricketts, both of Brandon; Donnie Crabtree, Morton; and Steven Tyson, Pearl), 64.

THIRD FLIGHT

Industrial Training Solutions won the third flight with a 65.

Team members included Chris Crawford, Ridgeland; Roger Whitlock, Union; and Chris Clark and Joe Barrett, both of Decatur. La-Z-Boy Team #2 (Ronnie Poythress, Meridian; Dustin Yeager and Kevin Rigdon, both of Union; and Troy Simmons, Newton) finished second with a 68. The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia and Neshoba County General Hospital team (Camp Keith, Hickory; Bruce Lee, Louisville; Dale Joyner, Philadelphia; and Johnny Crenshaw, Union) placed third with a 68.

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ON-COURSE PRIZE WINNERS

Participants who won various on-course competitions and were presented ECCC golf bags included Rusty Thoms (Howard Industries) of Madison; Bob Jordan (SouthGroup Cox) of Kosciusko; Chris Covington and Tanner Long (Polo Custom Products), both of Louisville. Chris Hegi (First Financial Bank Team # 1), of El Dorado, Ark., won the Drive the Middle contest, sponsored by Birdies for Charity, and received a gift certificate.

LA-Z-BOY WINNER

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Also competing in the second flight were First Financial Bank Team #2 (Gayden Bell, Terry Thomas and Van Ray Bowman, all of Carthage; and Steve Cameron of Hot Springs, Ark.), 62; Milton Walker and Associates, Inc. (Milton Walker, Larry Dale and Jay Ott, all of Brandon; and Haywood Reeves of Forest), 63; Trustmark Bank Pearl), 64.

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Smith selected ECCC Director of Housing and Student Activities

Kristi J. Smith of Decatur was recently selected Director of Housing and Student Activities at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart.

Smith, an ECCC alumna, began her new duties on July 1, 2014. She previously served as an English, reading and written communications teacher at Newton County Middle School since 2003. In addition, she served as head varsity cheer coach.

Smith

After receiving her associate's degree at ECCC, Smith continued her education by earning a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Mississippi State University-Meridian in 2002 followed by a master's degree in elementary education from MSU-Meridian in 2008, where she was inducted in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Smith is married to Ryan Smith, a native of Noxapater. They have four children, Kailee, Kaden, Kye and Kollins. They are active members of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur.

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SCOTT OFFICIALS VISIT ECCC CAMPUS

Scott County officials were luncheon guests of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees prior to the Board's June 2014 meeting on the Decatur campus. The special visitors are shown with Scott County trustees. Seated from left are District Two Supervisor Tim Sorey, Chancery Clerk Lee Anne Livingston Palmer, Comptroller Kim Fultz, Tax Assessor Myra Murrell Davis, trustee Annie Stowers of Forest and District Four Supervisor Johnny Harrell. Standing from left are trustees Vernon Crotwell of Morton, Royce Shaw (Board secretary) of Forest and Rebecca Farris of Morton, and District Three Supervisor Steven Crotwell. ECCC Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake and ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart expressed appreciation to the county officials for their continued support of the College.

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By this time the citizens of Decatur were interested in education, and schools were improving. An agricultural high school was to be established in the county, and Decatur was one of the places interested in having the school. Decatur offered buildings, land and cash totaling about $12,000 in value. The property offered was 20 acres of agricultural land valued at $1,000; the buildings, furnishings and campus of Decatur public school valued at $11,000 after fitting up the old school buildings as a boys dormitory; and a 16-room boarding house for a girls dormitory, cost of about $3,500 for a total of $15,000 in buildings and land and 5 or 6 acres which the buildings stand on. From this, the Newton County Agricultural High School, grew the interest in forming East Central Junior College, now called East Central Community College, at Decatur.

The Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce has worked to continued the growth and improvement so that we have more churches, civic and service clubs, health facilities, fire and police protection, and better schools. Efforts are made to preserve our past history with the establishment of a Newton County Archives, but always with a look toward the future.

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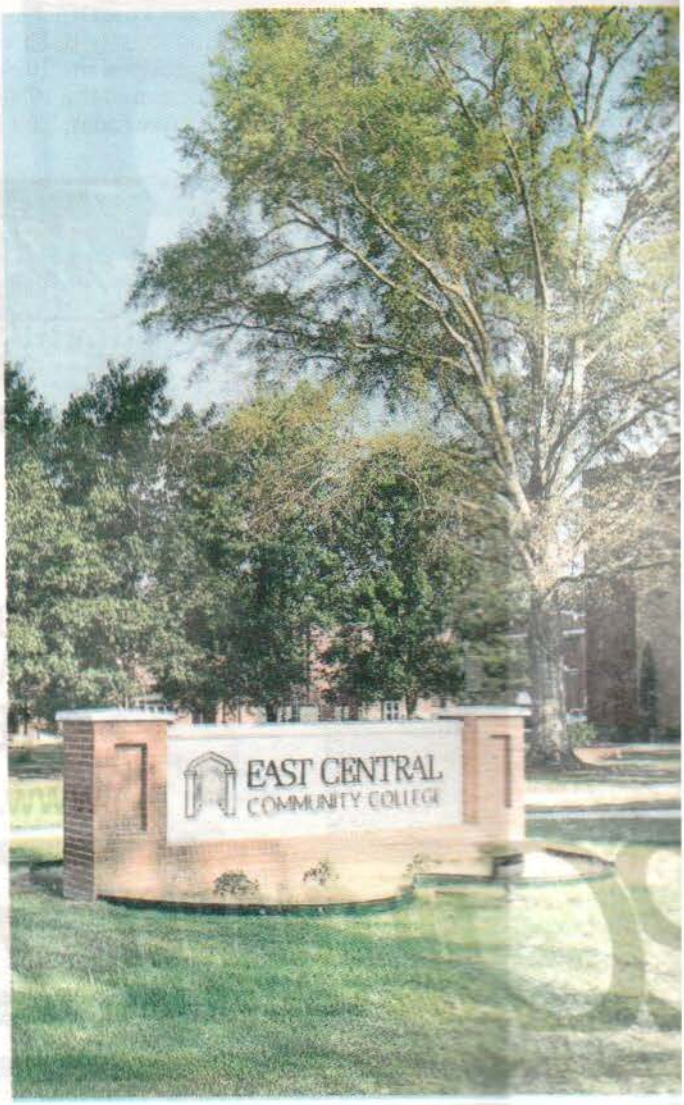

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East Central Community College unveiled a portion of its new field turf Thursday. Pictured are, from left, James Bateman, Ken Karcher, Billy Stewart, Taylor Guild and Chris Harris. Inset below, project completion is expected for August 3.

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Three weeks ago, ground was struck to get the process under way as the project will reach its completion in the coming weeks.

"The FieldTurf is called EnviroPro," said EnviroTurf Chief Executive James Bateman, whose company also installed Meridian High School's field turf. "We've installed a water drainage system that can drain about 100 inches in a 24-hour period. We're rolling out the turf cut (Thursday), and next week, we'll be putting in logos, hash marks and numbers, and we should be playing it August 3."

The new turf serves as a strong indication that the ECCC administration is fully committed to winning at the highest level in a strong showing of support for its student athletes, East Central CC president Billy Stewart said.

"One of the things that we wanted to do was to ensure that we had a strategic plan for the future," Stewart said. "That plan has become our road map for the future. When you see our field, that represents a step that we are taking in the success of our student-athletes."

Athletic facilities in today's sports serve as an instrumental part of developing talent, and also bringing new talent in.

"I think the biggest asset that the field will provide is that it will help us in recruiting," East Central football coach Ken Karcher said. "We're in the early stages of building a foundation for a program that has not won in a long time. This is going to help young men want to come here. It is just one piece of the equation, and we're grateful for the opportunity to have something like this."

Yet the field will not only serve the football team but also provide a stage for other student-oriented performances in benefiting all of Warrior Nation.

"This field will be the stage for performances for our band," Stewart said. "Cheerleaders will enjoy this field, and Centralettes will enjoy this field. Our men's and women's soccer team will enjoy this field. This field represents where we are headed towards as an institution, and that is excellence."

The field's overhaul is one of the more significant undertakings the athletics program has taken on in recent memory.

"Other than the construction of the new gymnasium, this is the biggest thing to happen to East Central sports," Dean of Athletics and Personnel Services Chris Harris said.

Harris would know, as he grew up in the Decatur area and was an all-state defensive back in 1975 for the Warriors.

"I've never seen anything this big happen for the athletic program since I've been here," Harris added.

In addition, the FieldTurf is part of a bigger plan for an eventual football operation center at the north end of the stadium in the coming years.

"Our timetable on that is immediate," Harris said. "As soon as we complete this project on the field, then we will be right back on top of the operations building project."

After suffering through a number of a down seasons, including a 1-8 record last year, the potential of the new football operations center is part of the foundation in leading to excellence in the years to come.

"The facilities win," Karcher said. "Young people want to be a part of good facilities, so having a facility that can offer meetings rooms, quality training areas, weight rooms, these are things that are needed to be successful."

The foundation that the Warriors set forth on Thursday is the hopeful beginnings of a rejuvenated program.

"This field demonstrates our commitment to excellence," Stewart said. "It speaks to the growth and development of our program, and I hope this field makes people realize that we are really serious about our commitment level and that they would want to be a part of it."

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EC leads nation in athletic honors

DECATUR — East Central Community College leads the nation in the number of community/junior college student-athletes receiving academic honors for 2013-14, according to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

According to the report, 24 ECCC student-athletes qualified for the special recognition.

ECCC honorees include four student-athletes who received the Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence (4.0 GPA); five student-athletes recognized for Superior Academic Achievement (3.8-plus GPA); and 15 student-athletes who earned Exemplary Academic Achievement honors (3.6-plus GPA).

"A great, big thank you goes to these 24 student-athletes for their hard work and commitment to their academic endeavors while playing their respective sport at ECCC," said ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart.

"Also a great big thank you goes our faculty and staff for their support and encouragement of these students and their commitment to student success and teaching and learning."

Recipients of the NJCAA Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence are former baseball players Maxwell Harmon of Meridian and Caleb Woods of Carthage, and former golf team members Aaron Tucker of Carthage and Sawyer Williams of Eldorado, Arkansas.

Student-athletes receiving NJCAA Awards for Superior Achievement include former women's soccer players Kennedy Castleberry of Meridian; former women's soccer and tennis player Alana Turner of Florence; former women's tennis player Nan Hartness of Louisville; and former men's soccer team members Jordan Walker of Decatur and Zach Killion of Crestwood, Kentucky.

Those who earned NJCAA Exemplary Awards for Excellence include former men's soccer players Jesse Vaughn, Will Thompson and Russ Thompson, all of Decatur, and Taylor Potts of Bentonia; former women's soccer players Miranda Clark of Philadelphia, Sydney Dawkins of DeKalb, Paige Gower of Meridian and Heather Johnson of Chunky; former men's tennis player Brandon St. Clair of Newton; former women's tennis player Hannah Smith of Carthage; former fast-pitch softball players Haley Stephens of Union and Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville; former baseball players Mason Woodrow of Taylorsville and Jacob Bush of West Blocton, Alabama; and former basketball player Shedrick Fair of Aberdeen.

The outstanding student-athletes will be recognized with other honorees in an upcoming issue of *JUCO Review*.

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East Central Community College athletic teams recognized for academic excellence

DECATUR – Seven East Central Community College athletic teams were recognized for academic excellence in 2013-14 by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart said the academic honors reflect the type of athletic program the College strives to achieve each year.

"I want to congratulate and thank our coaches and our student-athletes for their efforts in the classroom this year," said Dr. Stewart. "They performed the EC Way - Excellence with Class, and I am so proud of each of them!"

The Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team achieved a 3.54 grade point average and finished second in the nation.

Kristin Chaney serves as head coach.

The Lady Warrior soccer team had a 3.51 GPA and finished second nationally.

Gray Massey serves as head coach.

The Warrior soccer team achieved a 3.16 GPA and was ranked fourth nationally.

Kenneth Thompson is head coach.

The Lady Warrior tennis team earned a 3.58 grade point average and finished fourth in the nation.

The Warrior tennis squad posted a 3.25 GPA and was ranked 14th nationally.

Both programs are led by head coach Robert Thompson and adjunct coach Dianne O'Neill. The Warrior baseball team finished 13th nationally with a 3.23 GPA.

Neal Holliman serves as head coach.

EC's golfers posted a 3.14 GPA and placed 17th nationally.

Chris Clark is head coach.

For more information on ECCC's athletic programs, contact Chris Harris, Dean of Personnel Services and Athletics, at 601-635-6401 or email charris@eccc.edu.

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In memory of nursing student

Denita Thomas, dean of healthcare education at East Central Community College, right, presents a display designed by students in the school's practical nursing program to Thomas and Vicki Ganann, of Carthage, in honor of their son, Chris Ganann, a student in the program who died in an automobile crash. The displays features photos of Chris and artwork he provided to promote the program. Vicki Ganann holds an award from the Mississippi License Practical Nursing association presented in memory of her son, the school's MLPNA ambassador and vice president of the 2013-14 practical nursing class.

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The Neshoba Democrat, Philadelphia, Miss., August 13, 2014, 15C

Leslie K. White joins ECCC Financial Aid Department

Leslie K. White of Philadelphia was recently selected Financial Aid administrative assistant at East Central Community College in Decatur.

White, who began her duties July 14, was previously employed at Newton County Bank in Newton.

The 2008 graduate of ECCC said she was excited to return to her alma mater. "It feels like home to me," White said.

"I was welcomed back with open arms."

Working with the Financial Aid Department is something she said she is enjoying.

"I love helping people and working with students," White said about her new position.

In addition, she said she is excited to reunite with the ECCC family only this time, not as a student but as a member of the college personnel.

"I look forward to being able to work with and help students and to attend sporting events on campus with my family," White said.

The Scott Central High School graduate is pursuing her bachelor's degree, which she plans to complete in December of this year, at Mississippi State University-Meridian.

White has been married to Matthew White for nine years. They have a six-year-old daughter, Audri Ann.

They are members of Longino Baptist Church in Philadelphia, where Leslie White works with the youth group.

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Robert Savell

Robert Savell of Conehatta was recently selected IT software support specialist at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Savell, who recently began his new duties at ECCC, previously served as regional technician/helpdesk support specialist at Community Bank since 2004.

He previously served as computer technician for Magee Enterprises, Inc. in Brandon.

After receiving his associate's degree from ECCC in 2000, Savell earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Mississippi State University in 2002. Savell continued his education by earning a master's of science in instructional technology degree from MSU in 2003.

Savell is a native of Lake. He is married to Diane Savell, who is also an ECCC alum and a native of Meridian.

They have two children, Parker, 6 and Jamey, 4.

They are active members of Salem Baptist Church in Lake.

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The Neshoba Democrat, Philadelphia, Miss., August 20, 2014

ECCC selects homecoming honorees for Oct. 11 special event

Recipients of Alumni of the Year and Athletic Hall of Fame honors were recently selected at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The prestigious group will receive special recognition during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct, 11.

Cheryl Lynne Comans (Class of 1981) of Cleveland was chosen Alumna of the Year and Dr. Michael W. Waldrop (Class of 1968) of Clinton was selected Alumnus of the Year.

New members of the Athletic Hall of Fame are former football standouts Richard Fulmer (Class of 1959) of Deatsville, Ala., and Troy Henderson (Class of 1954) of Raymond.

Comans, a Decatur native, serves as Customer Service Manager for Entergy Mississippi, Inc., for the Cleveland, Greenwood, Grenada and Winona areas and previously served as manager for the Vicksburg area. She began her employment with Entergy in 1986 and has received numerous honors throughout her career.

Comans is a current member of ECCC Alumni Association Board of Directors and served as Association president in 2009-10.

Cheryl Comans

Waldrop, formerly of Morton, was a longtime educator in Senatobia prior to assuming his current position as Executive Director and Workers' Compensation Trust Administrator for the Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA). He served as Deputy Executive Director of MSBA from 2000 to 2004, before being named Executive Director.

He served as Superintendent of the Senatobia Municipal School District from 1987 to 2000 after previous serving stints as Special Education Program Developer, Curriculum and Federal Projects Coordinator, Middle School Principal, and Assistant Superintendent. Waldrop began his career as a teacher and coach at Senatobia High School in 1971.

Henderson, a Forest native, was a two-year letterman at ECCC and was recognized as one of the league's outstanding defensive end and offensive halfback. He continued his athletic career as a member of the Maxwell Base Mentors while serving in the U.S. Air Force. Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Henderson attended Louisiana College, where he was a standout defensive end and punter on the 1960 and 1961 Wildcat squads.

Richard Fulmer

He recently retired as Vice President for Physical Plant and Auxiliary Services at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

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Troy Henderson

Fulmer is retired as a self-employed manufacturing sales representative.

The Homecoming honorees will receive special recognition at the annual Alumni Association Awards Luncheon scheduled at 11 a.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Homecoming activities begin with the annual 5K Run/Walk/One-Mile Fun Run starting at 7:30 a.m. near the Pavilion on North Campus. Registration for the annual competition begins at 7 a.m.

Registration for alumni attending Homecoming 2014 begins at 9 a.m. at the Founders Gym breezeway. During this time, retired ECCC faculty member Ovid Vickers will sign copies of his recently published book, "The East Central I Knew."

Michael Waldrop

Refreshments will be available during registration.

The Memorabilia Room in Burton Library and the newly renovated Cross Hall Science Building will be open for tours from 9 to 11 a.m.

Also scheduled is the biennial Diamond Warrior Alumni Game beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex. Player registration is set for 10 a.m. at the baseball stadium.

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The annual Warrior Club meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on the deck inside Bailey Stadium.

The Lil' Warrior Kid Zone is once again available for youngsters. Activities are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. inside Bailey Stadium.

Homecoming activities conclude with the Warriors' battle with Jones County Junior College. The MACJC South Division matchup kicks off at 2:30 p.m. at Bailey Stadium.

Halftime activities include recognition of Homecoming honorees, presentation of the queen and her court and a full performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band.

For more information on Homecoming 2014, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, at 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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Wilhite selected ECCC eLearning coordinator

Christa Wilhite of Lauderdale was recently selected e-Learning coordinator at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Wilhite, who recently began her new duties at ECCC, previously served as director of e-Learning at the Holladay Center for eLearning at Meridian Community College.

Prior to assuming the director's role, she served as eLearning support specialist for MCC.

She is also a former coordinator of the online testing center for the Office of Information Technology at University of West Alabama, where she served from January 2011 until November 2012.

Christa Wilhite

In addition to her service in the Office of Information Technology at UWA, Wilhite is a former online academic advisor for UWA's Division of Online Programs.

After receiving her Bachelor of Science in psychology from the University of West Alabama in 2005, Wilhite continued her education by earning a Master of Science in Continuing Education with emphasis in counseling and psychology at UWA in 2006.

She is currently pursuing her Doctorate of Philosophy in educational psychology from the University of Alabama.

She was a recipient of the Paul W. Terry Scholarship at UA in 2010-11 and the Trustee Scholarship at UWA from 2001-2004.

Wilhite is married to Michael Wilhite of Little Rock.

She is the daughter of Joe and Janis Sayers of Lauderdale.

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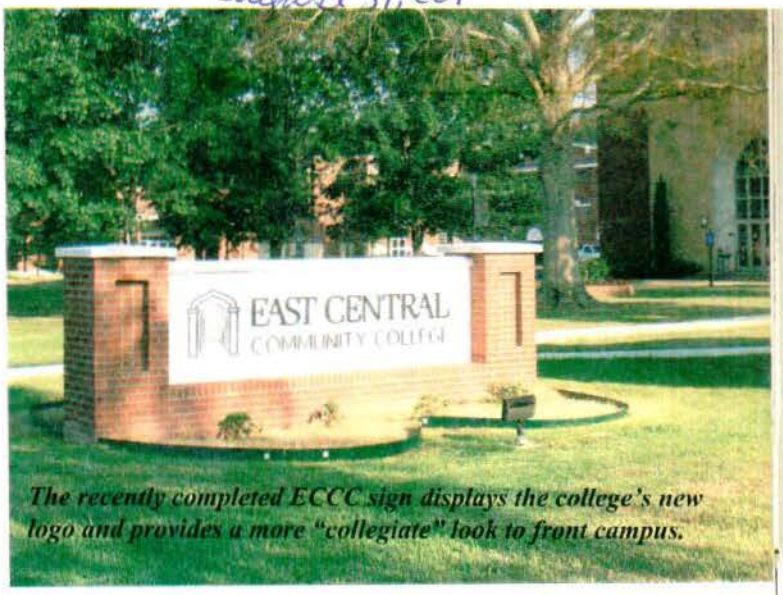


The recently completed ECCC sign displays the college's new logo and provides a more "collegiate" look to front campus.

DECATUR - Since its founding in 1928, East Central Community College has offered the very best in educational services to students of all ages residing in the college's five-county support district and surrounding areas.

The college also makes every effort to offer these services at an affordable cost.

The quality of the education offered at EC is well documented by the success of students who transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

According to the most recent report by the Mississippi Community College Board, East Central Community College transfers have once again earned the highest cumulative grade point average of all community college transfers to the four-year schools. East Central transfers earned a 3.22 GPA. Students from the community/junior college in second place earned a 3.17 GPA, and the average for all community/junior college students combined was a 3.12 GPA, which once again showed that community and junior college transfers students performed academically as well or better in university courses than students who began their education at the senior institutions, which was noted as a 3.09 GPA.

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart said the report further illustrates the college's commitment to academic excellence:

"This data, compiled and reported by the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), confirms the results of our college's dedication to Student Success and Teaching and Learning, two hallmarks of 2020 Vision, our strategic plan for the future. Our faculty and staff are preparing East Central transfer students well for the academic challenges of a university and based on the performance our transfer students, no one does that any better!"

East Central also takes pride in not only offering a quality education but also providing an affordable means for students of all ages to fulfill their educational dreams and goals.

To further assist students in pursing an education, East Central is not increasing tuition for the 2014-15 academic year.

Dr. Stewart said the decision not to raise tuition and general student fees is based on the proposed FY2015 E&G Budget, which is built upon a projected increase in state appropriations and student enrollment.

He expressed appreciation to state lawmakers for providing an increase in state funding.

"The 2014 Mississippi Legislature increased appropriations to community colleges by 4.6 percent which is proving very helpful in our goal to maintain our current charge for tuition," said Dr. Stewart. "We appreciate their continue support of our college and the community college system."

Tuition for in-state students will remain at $990 per semester. Students residing out of state or out of country will continue to pay an additional $1,050 per semester.

Dormitory fees remain at $675 per semester for all dorms except Barber Hall, where the fee is $775 per semester.

The two meal plans offered at EC will also remain the same. A five-day meal plan costs $790 per semester. Students who prefer a seven-day meal plan will pay $970 per semester.

Dr. Stewart added," We hope that our decision to not increase tuition and fees will allow more individuals to take advantage of the wonderful educational opportunities East Central has to offer. We are working hard in every aspect of college operations to be viewed locally as the preferred gateway to higher education and training for residents of east central Mississippi due to our focus on students and their successes and our commitment to communities and their development."

The Clarion-Ledger in Jackson took notice of East Central Community College's success in preparing students for success at four-year colleges and universities while also offering low tuition. The daily newspaper ranked ECCC #1 in the combined categories among the state's 15 community and junior colleges.

East Central's student-athletes also continue to be recognized for academic success.

According to a recent report from the National Junior College Athletic Association, East Central Community College leads the nation in the number of community and junior college student-athletes receiving academic honors for 2013-14.

The report noted ECCC had 24 student- athletes who qualified for the special recognition in the following categories: Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence (4.0 GPA); Superior Academic Achievement (3.8-plus GPA); and Exemplary Academic Achievement (3.6-plus GPA).

In addition, seven of the college's athletic teams were recognized for academic success in 2013-14. Two of the squads – fast-pitch softball and women's soccer – finished second in the nation by posting 3.54 and 3.51 grade point averages, respectively.

Also receiving national recognition on an annual basis are members of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International, and the College's SkillsUSA and Phi Beta Lambda organizations.

When Dr. Stewart was selected as ECCC president in 2012, his goal was to establish a strategic planning process, which would shape and guide the future of the 85-year-old institution.

As a result, 2020 Vision was created and includes a long-term desire to be nationally recognized and locally preferred while meeting the educational and training needs of the residents of the college district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

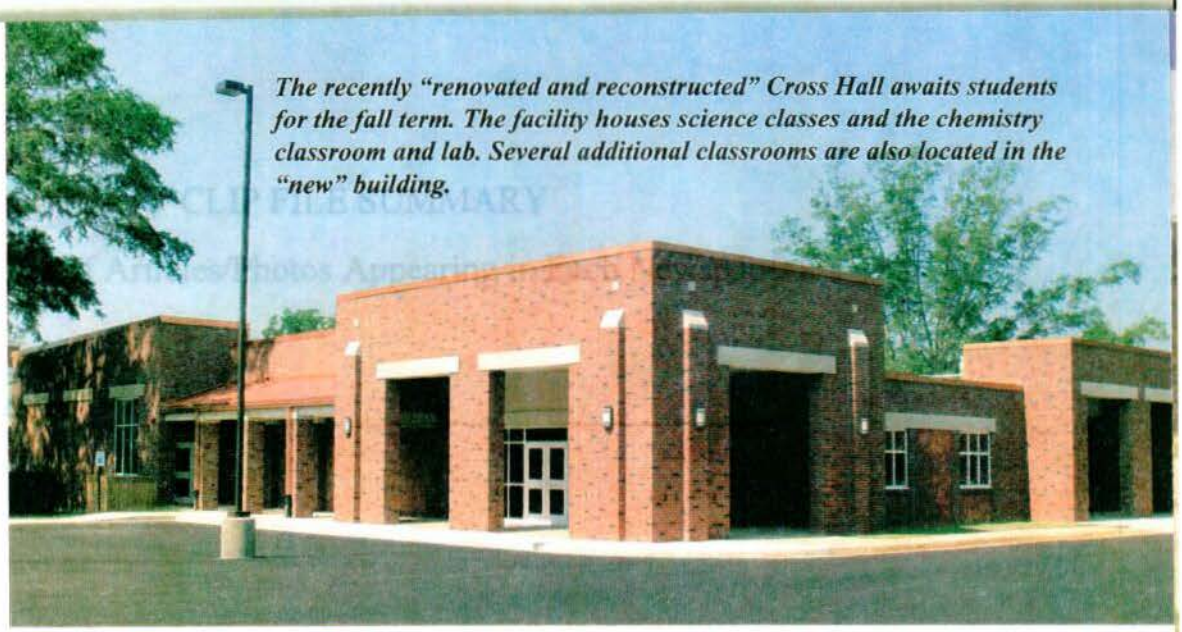
According to Dr. Stewart, 2020 Vision's seven Core Values of Wisdom, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Enthusiasm, Efficiency and Creativity (WE ARE EC), "define the institution's highest priorities and deepest-held beliefs."

2020 Vision is also comprised of five institutional commitments: Student Success, Teaching and Learning, Community Partnerships, Resource Planning and Development and Communication.

During the past year, the college began making strides towards those commitments as evidenced by recent successes and accomplishments.

East Central Community College received national recognition for its success in providing a quality education when it was selected 23rd

best community college in the nation by Washington Monthly. In the magazine's September edition, ECCC was included in the 2013 College Guide's annual ranking of "America's Top 50 Community Colleges."



The recently "renovated and reconstructed" Cross Hall awaits students for the fall term. The facility houses science classes and the chemistry classroom and lab. Several additional classrooms are also located in the "new" building.

In addition to its academic successes as noted earlier in this message, East Central Community College was listed as the Sixth Fastest Growing Community College in the nation with enrollments from 2,500 to 4,999, according to reports published in Community College Week. The college was also recognized for success in recruiting, retaining and providing services to military students and for two consecutive years has been named a Military Friendly School. G.I. Jobs magazine included ECCC in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide in providing educational services to military students following a survey of more than 12,000 schools.

Recent support from alumni and community partners has helped East Central provide financial assistance to many students and to make much needed upgrades to facilities.

In October 2012, the college received in excesses of $3 million dollars from the estate of Frances Gaines Blum Slagle, a 1940 ECCC graduate and former Decatur resident. The cash, stocks and certificates of deposit were used to establish student scholarships and this gift represents the largest single donation ever received by East Central Community College.

As a result of this very generous donation to the college, students who are 2014 high school graduates and reside in the five-county district will be eligible to receive "tuition gap-filler" scholarships to attend the 2014 fall semester.

Various Endowed and other Special Scholarships are also presented each year during the ECCC/AT&T Scholarship Appreciation Program/Luncheon.

Approximately 125 students received scholarships valued at approximately $89,000 at the 2014 ceremony.

Scholarships for students are also provided from the annual Warrior Golf Classic. Net proceeds from the 13th annual event held earlier this summer resulted in $9,850 in scholarship monies.

With state and private funding, improvements have also been made to the college's physical plant.

Heading the list is the recent renovation and reconstruction of Cross Hall, which provides updated lecture halls for all science classes and houses the chemistry lab and classroom. The "new" facility complements Davis Hall, a state-of-the art facility housing the various science laboratories and faculty offices, which was completed in 2012.

Various renovations and improvements were also made this summer at Burton Library.

The college has also made a commitment to upgrade technology with 55 classrooms having been outfitted with projectors and computer equipment. The projectors include interactive styli, which allow instructors to annotate on the screens as if they were writing on a whiteboard with a marker. Each computer has Internet access and video playback capabilities so that Canvas and other online course materials can be accessed during class.

Improvements have also been made in the areas of parking, pedestrian walk-ways, heating and air conditioning systems and roofs for several buildings, and

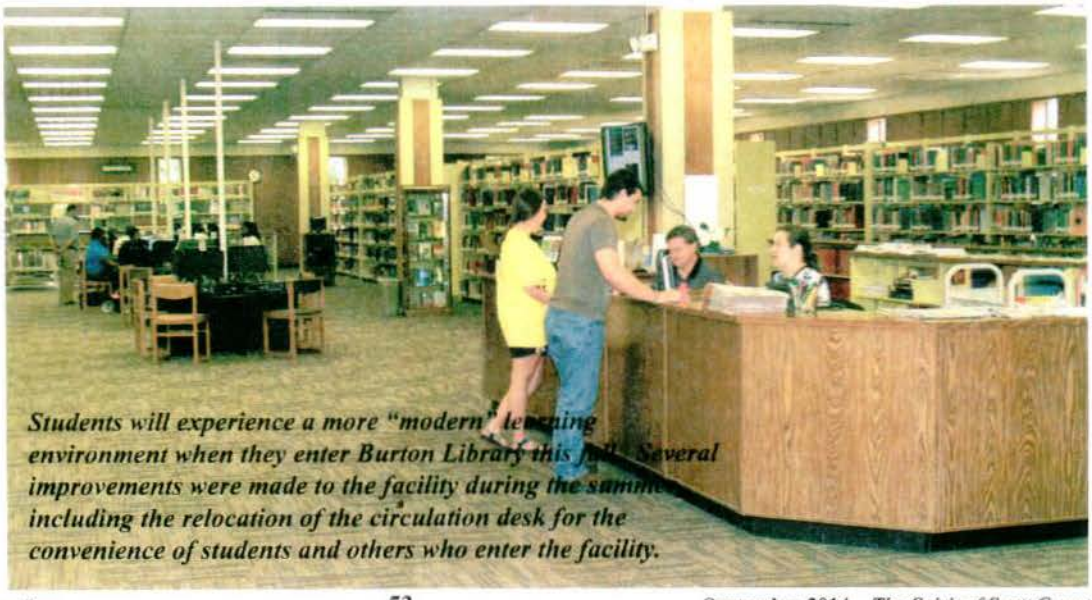
the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building received a much-needed renovation including new seating and a refinished playing surface.

The most recent renovation project is the replacement of seating in Huff Auditorium. The new seats will be wider and more comfortable, according to specifications. The project will be completed in late summer 2014.

The latest fundraising project is a proposed Football Operations Center to be constructed at the north end of Bailey Stadium. The estimated $4.8 million complex will include a state-of-the art weight room and athletic training facility for all student-athletes at the College. It will also include a Warrior Room as well as meeting space for the department of athletics and the community.

The first phase of the project is the installation of a new synthetic turf field on Warrior Field. A groundbreaking ceremony was held earlier this summer for the approximately $727,000 project, which will be completed in time for the home opener on Sept. 11, 2014.

For more information on East Central Community College, contact Student Services, at 601-635-6375 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375. The email address is rlee@eccc.edu.



Students will experience a more "modern" learning environment when they enter Burton Library this fall. Several improvements were made to the facility during the summer including the relocation of the circulation desk for the convenience of students and others who enter the facility.

WEEK OF Sept 7, 2014

Henderson, Waldrop to be among HOF inductees at East Central CC

DECATUR — Recipients of Alumni of the Year and Athletic Hall of Fame honors were recently selected at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The prestigious group will receive special recognition during homecoming activities scheduled for Saturday, October 11.

Among them will be Troy Henderson (Class of 1954). Henderson, a Forest native, was a two-year letterman at ECCC and was recognized as one of the league's outstanding defensive end and offensive halfback.

Also among them will be Dr. Michael W. Waldrop (Class of 1968), formerly of Morton, was a longtime educator in Senatobia prior to assuming his current position as Executive Director and Workers' Compensation Trust Administrator for the Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA).

For more information call (601) 635-6327.

Several members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees received special recognition for years of service at the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College Trustees' Association Conference held in Biloxi. Beverly Hart (center) of Union has served 15 years and Vernon Crotwell (right) of Morton, 20 years. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart is shown with the honorees, who also received special recognition at the August 2014 Board of Trustees meeting held on the Decatur campus.

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ECCC Holds Ribbon-Cutting for 'New' Cross Hall

Special to The Star

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Sept. 9 to officially unveil the recently reconstructed and renovated Cross Hall at East Central Community College in Decatur. The $3.7 million dollar project was funded using State Bond Fund appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature.

Construction was supervised by the Bureau of Buildings, Grounds and Real Property Management. The "new" Cross Hall is now a 14,093 square-foot facility, including two new tiered classrooms with a seating capacity of 100 per room; two new classrooms with a 60-person seating capacity; two newly renovated existing tiered classrooms that will accommodate at least 30; a renovated chemistry lab; and additional office space.

Former ECCC President Dr. Phil Sutphin performs the ribbon-cutting duties assisted by Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake and current ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart. The project was initiated during Dr. Sutphin's tenure as president.

Construction began a few months following a groundbreaking ceremony on June 12, 2012. Also participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony were State Senator Terry C. Burton, R- Newton; State Representative Randy Rushing, R-Decatur; Decatur Mayor Pat O'Neill; Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville, representing the Mississippi Community College Board; Bureau of Buildings Grounds and Real Property representatives Glenn Kornbeck, director, and Mike Beauchamp, project manager; Randall Lewis, H&H Architects; Hugh Bergin, project manager, Chris Albritton Construction; several ECCC Board of Trustees members, ECCC Vice President for Instruction Dr. Teresa Houston, several ECCC retired faculty members and current science department instructors.

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Parks returns to post as ECCC police officer

Employed at college in 2011

From school reports

Cornelius Parks of Daleville has been employed as a police officer for East Central Community College in Decatur.

Parks returns to ECCC after previously working for the college in 2011. Since 2012, Parks worked for Performance Contractors Inc./Southern Company Project.

Parks

He also has numerous year's law enforcement and military experience, working with other police departments and as an airman for the Mississippi Air National Guard.

Parks received his police certification in 2003 at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy. He also received training while in the Guard including the U.S. Armed Forces Diversity and Basic training courses in 2002. In addition, Parks was certified in forensic interviewing by the Center for Interviewer Standards and Assessment in 2006.

Parks is married to Cassie Cox Parks of DeKalb. They have seven children, Cameron, Christian, Charity, Candace, Chandler, Catelynn and Caleb. The Parks attends Bread of Life Ministries.

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ECCC Set to Induct Two Into Athletic Hall of Fame

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A pair of former East Central Community College standout football players will be enshrined into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 11, on the Decatur campus.

Troy Henderson of Raymond and Richard Fulmer of Deatsville, Ala., will be inducted into the prestigious group during the annual Alumni Association Awards Luncheon, which begins at 11 a.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

TROY HENDERSON

Troy Henderson was regarded as one of the top defensive ends in the Mississippi Junior College Conference during the 1952 and 1953 seasons.

Henderson, who also excelled at defensive back, was known for his hard tackling and numerous fumble recoveries. Many of those fumbles were caused by his aggressive style of defense.

Henderson, who retired in the late 1990s following a distinguished career at Hinds Community College in Raymond, said he was "extremely honored and happy" to receive the honor, and added, "I was overjoyed to get that phone call from (ECCC President) Dr. Billy Stewart!"

Henderson was a two-year letterman at East Central and helped lead the Warriors to a 4-6 record as a freshman and a 6-5 mark his sophomore season under head coach John Grace.

The 1952 squad began the season with victories over MS Delta (32-6), Northeast (14-6), Jones County (7-6) and Holmes (27-6). Losses followed to Southwest (13-7), Hinds (26-13), East MS (40-20), Co-Lin (20-14), Pearl River (27-20) and Gulf Coast (13-6).

EC improved to 6-5 the following year, with wins over MS Delta (12-7), Northeast (20-13), Holmes (12-7), Southwest (33-13), Marion Institute (40-7) and Co-Lin (7-0). Setbacks were to Jones County (34-7), Hinds (35-0), Pearl River (51-13) and Gulf Coast (23-6).

While reflecting on his athletic career at EC, the 1954 graduate said the "relationships" mattered most.

"The fellowship and friendships with my teammates is what I enjoyed most," Henderson said.

He said he enjoyed attending East Central as a student-athlete because the college "was close to home and I got a full scholarship, which included books and food!"

His least favorite experience as a football player involved preseason workouts, which were "very long and hot....extremely hot!"

In addition to playing football at EC, Henderson was sports editor for the Wo-He-Lo yearbook and served two years as a member of the Future Teachers Association. He was also a freshman class officer, Athletic Committee member and a member of the Social and Hospitality Committee.

Henderson came to East Central following a stellar career at Forest High School, where he was a three-year letterman in football, basketball and track.

During his senior season, Henderson was named co-captain of the Bearcat football team. He also received the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award. He completed his high school career by playing a prominent role as fullback in the first Mississippi High School All-Star Football Game held at Jackson Memorial Stadium in August 1952.

Not only did Henderson experience success at Forest and East Central, he also excelled as a member of the Maxwell

Base Football Team, the "Mentors" while serving in the U.S. Air Force, beginning in 1955. By a vote from his teammates, A-1C Henderson was awarded a personal trophy as the outstanding member of the Mentor varsity squad. He was also named most valuable player as tailback for the single wing formation used by the Mentors. Additional honors include begin rated honorable mention All Air Force. He and the Mentors traveled over much of the United States playing again other Air Force base teams.

Upon discharge from the Air Force, Henderson attended Louisiana College, where he distinguished himself as a defensive left end and punter on the Wildcat squad. He was awarded a letter for both the 1960 and 1961 seasons. Henderson was also elected senior class vice president, and was a member of the Athenian Literary Society and the L Club.

He achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average when he received a bachelor's degree in education from Louisiana College in 1961.

Henderson began his career in education as football coach and biology teacher in Many, La., followed by a stint at West Blocton High School in Alabama. While serving at West Blocton, Henderson received a master's degree in education from the University of Alabama.

In 1965, Henderson became principal of Sebastopol Attendance Center. During his tenure, Henderson served as president of the Cherokee Athletic Conference and vice president of the Scott County Teachers' Association.

A move to Liberty Attendance Center in Liberty, MS, made Henderson the youngest principal at that time in the Mississippi Public School System. In 1971, he was named Superintendent of West Jasper Schools, a position held for eight years. It was during this period Henderson was selected president of the Mississippi Association of Schools Superintendents.

In 1979, Henderson was chosen Vice President of the Physical Plant and Auxiliary Services at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

During his tenure, numerous buildings were constructed under his supervision, and he was responsible for a large portion of the Hinds staff, including maintenance, custodial, grounds, golf course, bookstore, new construction, etc. Henderson was awarded the college's highest employee honor, the 3E Award, for his "emphasis on enrichment and excellence."

He was a founding member of the Mississippi Association of School Plant Managers and served as the organization's president for several years.

Henderson is an active member of Raymond Baptist Church, where he served as deacon and deacon chairman. He was chair of the building committee when the new Christian Life Center was constructed, which nearly doubled the church's meeting space.

He is married to the former Delores Underwood of Forest. They have three daughters, Mrs. James (Pam) Reeves, Mrs. David (Judy) Bufkin and Mrs. Mike (Leigh) James; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Henderson said he continues to enjoy sports and considers his years on the gridiron as some of his best!

RICHARD FULMER

He was described by a teammate as "the biggest and meanest football player" he had ever seen.

Dan Chatwood, who would later lead the Warrior football program in the mid-1960's, also said of Richard Fulmer, "I soon learned that all the players on the team looked up to him as a true leader. He had many successes on the field at East Central Community College and many successes off the field throughout his life."

Fulmer has the unique distinction of being a three-year starter on the Warrior football squad. A standout fullback and linebacker at 5-11, 200 pounds, the 1959 ECCC graduate said his selection to the college's Athletic Hall of Fame "is one of the highlights and honors of my lifetime."

He explained how he played football for three years at East Central.

"In 1953, my senior year at Lanier High School in Montgomery, Ala., I signed a football scholarship with the University of Florida. That same year, I was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War. I was stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas,

and while in the service, I played two years on the Ft. Bliss Falcons base football team and we won the Fourth Army Championship my first year.

"In 1956, I was invited with a friend, who was an All-American High School player named Earl Mills, to visit East Central. We both liked ECJC, and Coach Clayton Blount gave both of us a three-year scholarship. Earl had also not completed his senior year so we were both classified as high school players. In November of that same year, my wife and I were blessed with our first child, a baby boy. After three years at ECJC, I was offered a scholarship at Troy University, Hardin Simmons University and McNeese State. I signed with McNeese."

Fulmer referred to his time at East Central as "some of the best times of my life."

One particular incident – described as funny and usual - stands out during his football career.

"Our quarterback, Jerry Hall, was told by Coach (Clayton) Blount not to get caught scrambling and lose yardage, and to throw the ball away even if he had to throw it to the guy in the front row in the red coat! Later in the game when Hall was about to get caught, he actually threw the football to the 'guy in the red coat,' who had to duck but still got hit with the ball! Bob First, who was the assistant coach at the time, asked Jerry why the heck he threw the ball at the guy in the red coat and Jerry replied, 'Because Coach Blount told me to.'"

Fulmer, who helped lead his Lanier High School team to the 1950 Alabama High School State Football Championship, said beating "Scooba" while a member of the 1956 Warrior squad was just as memorable!

In addition to the 13-7 win over "Scooba" (East Mississippi), the Warriors posted victories that year over Northwest (20-6), Itawamba (20-14) and Northeast (forfeit). Losses were to Co-Lin (27-12), Holmes (14-0), Delta (26-19), Hinds (14-12), Pearl River (20-6) and Jones County (46-15).

The 1957 squad went 2-6-2 with wins over Holmes (12-7) and Jones County (12-6), ties with East MS (7-7) and Co-Lin (20-20), and setbacks to Delta (6-0), Hinds (45-0), Southwest (14-7), East MS (20-6), Itawamba (39-13)and Pearl River (53-0). (The second contest with East MS was played in Meridian.)

Fulmer and the Warriors finished 7-4 in 1958, capturing victories over East MS (14-12), Northwest (6-0), Holmes (14-0), Delta (24-0), Hinds (36-18), Itawamba (18-0) and Jones County (8-6). Losses were to Co-Lin (12-6), Southwest (24-6), East MS (20-6) and Pearl River (14-8).

Fulmer has fond memories of his time at EC and living in Decatur.

"The faculty and the administration of East Central took a genuine interest in each student, and you knew they had your best interest at heart; plus, just living in Decatur was a pleasure. The small town atmosphere along with the wonderful people was something I will always treasure."

He further commented, "I cherish all the teachers I had and the many friends I made there that I still visit from time to time. I also enjoy coming to Decatur for EC's Homecoming each year."

During his time in Decatur, Fulmer also coached Little League baseball with Clayton Blount. Fulmer said team members "included Joe Blount at catcher, Kenny Blount at shortstop, and 'Blue' Blount's son at third base, Melton Smith at pitcher, and many other outstanding young athletes."

Fulmer added, "Some of my earliest sales experiences came from selling Blount Hair and Scalp Conditioner to my dad's barbershop in Montgomery, Ala."

Fulmer continued his athletic career by playing semi-pro football with the Montgomery Confederates in the North American Football League.

In 1960, Fulmer began his career as sales and office manager for Gilpin Brokerage Company, a position held until 1965, when he became president of Teena Originals Furniture. In 1967, he began Richard L. Fulmer Associates and

was a self-employed manufacturing sales representative until retiring in 2010.

During this period, he received nine national sales awards and was a member of United Commercial Travelers Association for more than 50 years.

His community service included serving as a junior high football coach in Montgomery, Ala., where he also served on the Jimmy Hitchcock Award Committee.

Fulmer served as Chairman of the Terry Veazey Evangelistic Association and served on the Board of Deacons at Taylor Road Baptist Church, where he also taught Sunday school classes for 25 years.
He is married to the former Louise Weathers. They have three grown children, Daron Fulmer, Kim Fulmer Martin and Tracy Fulmer Norris.

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Evers Exhibit Opens at ECCC

Updated: Mon 7:00 PM, Sep 29, 2014

Decatur, Miss. An exhibit honoring a Mississippi civil rights icon opened Monday at East Central Community College.

The Medgar Evers Exhibit, 'This Is Home', debuted at the Mamie Ethel Burton Library on the campus of ECCC.

It features the life and legacy of the Decatur native as he fought for civil rights here in Mississippi and across the nation.

East Central president, Dr. Billy Stewart, says this exhibit stands for the rights that Evers sought for all Mississippians.

"We want to be sure that we acknowledge that and recognize that and just celebrate what Medgar Evers was all about, his stance for equality and for unity," said Stewart. "And we believe this exhibit will help us fulfill that vision that he had for a greater Mississippi."

If you want to visit the exhibit, you may stop by the library during its normal business hours. It will be displayed at East Central Community College until Nov. 21, 2014.

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Allman joins ECCC Staff

Melissa Allman was recently selected Personal Development Specialist/Site Coordinator for the East Central Community College Career Advancement Center in Louisville, announced Dr. Billy Stewart, college president.

Allman, a Louisville resident, previously served as an administrative assistant for the Winston/Choctaw County Regional Correctional Facility.

From 2010 to 2013, she was employed as Distance Learning Specialist at Hinds Community College where she previously served as an admissions clerk.

In addition, her experience includes a stint as dual enrollment coordinator/distance education assistant at Mississippi Delta Community College.

Allman completed her associate of arts degree at Mississippi Delta Community College and received her bachelor of science degree in business administration from Mississippi University for Women.

She and her husband, Breck, have two daughters: MeriEvelyn, 11, and Mia, 9, who both attend Winston Academy.

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ECCC's Riley takes lead

• Chamber pushes area technology program

East Central Community College's Matthew Riley has been placed in the lead for the development of Leake County as an intelligent community.

Site coordinator and personal development specialist at ECCC's Carthage career advancement center, Riley has been named chairman of the informally named Leake County Intelligent Community Council.

Steve Watson has been named vice chair for the effort being driven by the Leake County Chamber of Commerce.

RILEY

However, the job seemed right up the alley of a fellow working with East Central CC.

"Because," he explained, "this is a good way for Leake County to be on the cutting edge of this innovative initiative to bring this technology in for business and industry and economic development.

"This is why I jumped on this. Leake County is in a position where we can benefit from this technology."

The technology is high speed, broadband internet connectivity for Carthage, resulting from MetroCast's decision to replace all it cable television infrastructure with fibe optic cable.

In addition to the improved service t cable customers, the company said it se aside more than enough parallel interne capacity for businesses to access.

The decisions left Carthage as perhap the only city in Mississippi with full high speed internet capacity for outgoing an incoming transmission.

That in hand, the Chamber ha pushed to hike interest in the economi potential for the entire community

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including a planned public meeting Thursday, Oct. 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the old elementary school on North Van Buren Street.

While Riley said he was enthused about the potential for Leake County, he said ECCC has a lead in the same area.

East Central, he said, was the first community college in the state to implement "video conferencing to offer classes at remote locations to keep people from having to drive to the campus, to really bring the college to the people."

East Central, he said, was using the technology for workforce training, long the bailiwick of the Magnolia State's community college system, and for "instructional delivery," in short teaching classes from sociology and psychology to history.

Moreover, Riley said, East Central's recently installed president, Dr. Billy Stewart, had a plan and the Leake County project fit the bill.

"Part of the 20/20 vision (Dr. Stewart's long range, strategic plan for the community college) is to expand our initiatives in local communities," Riley said.

"This is our responsibility, to reach out to the communities in initiatives like this one. And we will continue to look for other opportunities."

Part of the initial push to develop interest in the internet technology has been to bring Leake countians up to speed on what the implications can be for the local economy.

The Oct. 16 meeting will be part of the process, Riley said.

"The average guy would want to get information about how Leake County plans to grow through technology," he said. "I'm still learning myself."

The meeting, he said, would be "an information gathering session on how the resources can benefit them, their children as well as their community."

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East Central gets high marks from annual report card

In accordance with House Bill No. 1071 from the 2010 Legislative session, East Central Community College has released its 2012 Community College Performance Profile, or Report Card.

The Report Card, designed to reflect the unique mission of community colleges, incorporates measures closely aligned with the Voluntary Framework of Accountability developed by the American Association of Community Colleges.

In the 2012 Community College Report Card, ECCC ranked above the state averages in numerous categories. In the crucial category of Student Success, ECCC excelled in the area of overall graduation percentages, particularly among pre-baccalaureate and technical students. Also evident is ECCC's top tier performance in preparing students to transfer to 4-year institutions. In the overall summary measurement of student success, ECCC exceeded the state average.

Other categories of comparative strength for ECCC within credit programs were overall student retention and percentage wage gains for associate of arts, technical, and career graduates. In the area of licensure pass rates for healthcare professionals, ECCC graduates passed these exams on first write at a rate of 94.9 percent, significantly surpassing the state average of 87.7 percent.

In workforce training activities, the data reveals ECCC as a leader in the number of individuals served and industry credentials awarded. Trainees from ECCC workforce programs increased wages by a percentage higher than state norms. In addition, ECCC continues to display a commitment to outreach and excellence in the awarding of GED's, again ranking in the upper half of the state.

The 2012 Performance Profile (Report Card) for ECCC can be found on the college's website at http://www.eccc.edu/consumer-information. In addition, a copy of the 2012 Performance Profile can be obtained from the Office of the President.

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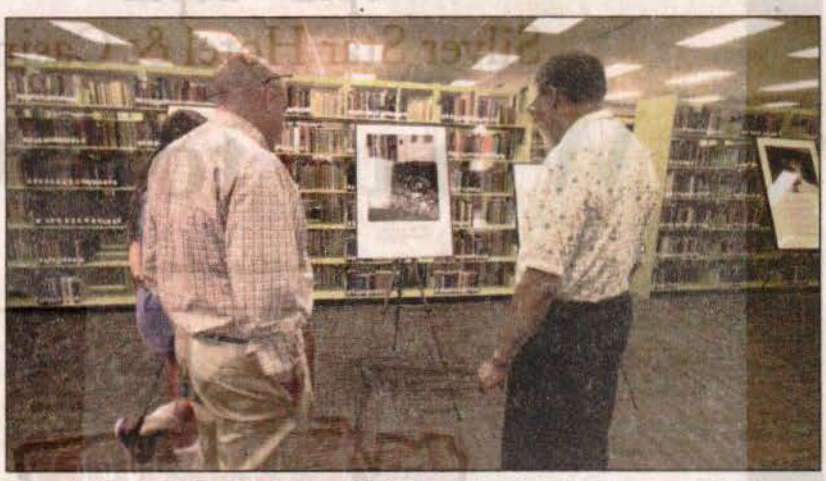

Circuit Clerk Mike Butler and Walter Gardner look over a display at the Medgar Evers exhibit at East Central Community College Monday.

By Luke Horton
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DECATUR — It likely would have been impossible for civil rights pioneer Medgar Evers to imagine his hometown honoring him one day. The very place where he was denied the right to vote now celebrates his triumphs and mourns his tragedies in an exhibit at East Central Community College.

The Evers exhibit, "This is Home" will be on display through Nov. 21 in the Burton Memorial Library on the Decatur campus.

The exhibit begins with an early photograph of Evers and an unnamed girl. Evers grew up on a small farm in Decatur, and a street near his homeplace carries his name today.

The exhibit progresses through his time in the Army, the NAACP and ends with his murder outside his Jackson home.

Evers attended school in Decatur, but at the time the town didn't have a high school that he could attend. So he walked with his brother Charles to a school in Newton. He would later go on to graduate from Alcorn State University.

After fighting in WWII, Evers attempted to vote at the courthouse in Decatur and was denied. That became a catalyst that drove him to

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Armstrong To Present ECCC Humanities Program Oct. 27

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> English and literature instructor Jason Armstrong of Meridian was recently selected 2014 Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher of the Year at East Central Community College in Decatur.

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> Each year, the Mississippi Humanities Council honors one faculty member from each of the state's community colleges and four-year colleges and universities.

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> In recognition of his selection, Armstrong will present a program titled "What Did Socrates Say to the Chicken Farmer" at 6:30 p.m., October 27, in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

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> "I will relate my personal and professional experiences outside of education; discuss the importance of a Humanities-focused curriculum in education; and explain why the community college system is the most unique position to emphasize

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this focus.

> Armstrong graduated with a bachelor's degree from the College of Agriculture (Poultry Science) at Mississippi State University in 1997, was awarded a Master's in Business Administration in 1998, and a Master of Arts in Teaching (Community College Education with English emphasis) in 2009.

> Prior to joining the East Central family in August 2009, he served as an adjunct professor of management at Mississippi State University in Meridian, as well as a Commercial Relationship Banker in Meridian, Tupelo, and Jackson.

> Armstrong is a 2010 graduate of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, and he was chosen as the HEADWAE Outstanding Faculty Honoree in 2011. In addition to these honors, he has attended the Southeastern School of Commercial Lending at Vanderbilt University and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

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> The son of Meridian natives Charlotte and Richard Armstrong, a retired Colonel in the United States Marine Corps, Armstrong currently splits time between Meridian and New Orleans, where his girlfriend, Danielle, a former East Central student, is pursuing a master's degree in nursing and certification as a family nurse practitioner at Nicholls State University.

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> He has recently published articles in America's Civil War magazine as well as LEGENDS magazine, in which he interviewed East Central alumnus, Randy Houser.

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> For more information, contact Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC vice president for instruction, at

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This was especially true for people who had a four-year college degree. However, among the young adults I interviewed, the majority replied they looked to live near other people their age.

In a way, this is good news for Decatur.

We know that ECCC draws a large percentage of their employees from outside of the area but they also draw a large percentage of their students from outside of Newton County. Those students get a chance to see what life in Decatur is all about. While some of them will move away to pursue an advanced degree, some of them may also consider moving back.

Decatur has a lot to offer current residents and those who are looking for a friendly small town atmosphere. The Money Magazine article emphasized three core amenities that make for a great small town: walkability, small business variety and cultural activities.

Decatur has a good foundation in all these areas and seems well on the way to developing these further.

People like to walk through neighborhoods, pass storefronts, along waterways and through parks. Decatur does well in this area with the walking trail around the pond behind the ECCC sports fields and a quaint strip of storefronts in town. Those who want more outdoorsy walking can go to Turkey Creek Water Park.

Sure we need to do a little more in the future. We need to continue to work on sidewalks and make sure they connect through town. But we also need to recognize all those town partners who have done so much to improve our sidewalks.

When people can accomplish most of their chores close to where they live, whether that be grabbing groceries for dinner, seeing their doctor or dropping off the dry cleaning, they feel more "at home". Decatur does well in this area, especially in terms of boutiques and banking. Hopefully, as the economy improves, more small businesses will come in and those empty storefronts will fill up.

People are looking for entertainment and this weekend's homecoming activities at ECCC are a good example of what can be done. They planned activities for early morning, mid-day and later in the evening. Soon Decatur will have "Treat Street" and the Christmas parade that will also draw people to downtown in the evening.

We have already tried organizing a farmer's market but that is never easy to get off the ground.

People look for street festivals, opportunities to play sports at every age, art galleries, concerts or music festivals or even the tradition of a Saturday morning drop-in jam session. Infrastructure that supports these activities include: swimming pools, parks, tennis courts, golf courses, trails, amphitheaters, community centers, senior centers and libraries.

Again, Decatur is well on its way to providing these amenities.

Think of walking areas, small businesses and cultural activities as a three-legged stool that supports all the other basics of a town's infrastructure which includes access to jobs, affordable housing, reliable utilities, low taxes and good schools. In planning for the future, Decatur will be considering all these factors. One day, don't be surprised if we appear on one of those "best places" list.

The Facebook page this week is ECCC at facebook.com/EastCentralCC for the latest on football scores and other events.

Send me your Decatur news. Write Catherine Hepner at production@newtoncountyappeal.com or the newspaper office in Union at 601-774-9433.

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Thornton joins EC financial aid dept.

From school reports

Mae Thornton of Decatur was selected assistant director of financial aid (work study) at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Thornton

Thornton, an ECCC alumna, began her new duties in August.

She previously served as accounts payable clerk for the college's business office since 2013.

Prior to her time at ECCC, Thornton was employed with Central Mississippi Residential Center in Newton, where she served as an administrative assistant for the nursing department since 2007.

After receiving her associate's degree at ECCC in 2001, Thornton continued her education by earning a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Mississippi State University-Meridian in 2003.

Thornton is married to Neil Thornton. They have two daughters, Emma Claire and Molly.

Everett honored at EC homecoming

Decatur attorney recognized for 'Lifetime Achievement'

From school reports

Decatur attorney James "Bobby" Everett was honored with a lifetime achievement award Saturday, Oct. 11, during East Central Community College's annual homecoming festivities.

Everett (Class of 1948) served as attorney for the college's Board of Trustees since 1996 and retired recently due to health reasons.

He and other Alumni Association honorees were recognized during the annual homecoming luncheon scheduled at 11 a.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

A native of Newton County, Everett is a graduate of Stratton School. He continued his education at East Central, where he was a member of the basketball team and met his wife, the late Jessie May Stewart Everett.

Everett earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Mississippi State University. He entered the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed in Pittsburgh, Calif.

Everett

After an honorable discharge, Everett enrolled at the University of Mississippi Law School where he received his degree in 1956.

Passing up an opportunity to work for Exxon Mobil in Atlanta, Ga., Everett returned to Decatur where he has practiced law for nearly 60 years.

Everett served as attorney for the Newton County Board of Supervisors more than 30 years and was also counsel for the Newton County School Board and the Town of Decatur. In addition, he was instrumental in starting the Mid-Mississippi Development District in the early 1960s and has been a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees and Exchange Club.

An active member of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church, he has taught Sunday school for more than 50 years.

Everett and his wife were married for 61 years. They had two children, Dr. Keith (Darlene) Everett and Lisa (Andy) Lucovich, all of Meridian. Everett has four grandchildren, Stewart and John Everett, Dr. Jessica Lucovich Daves and Allison Lucovich.

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EC named a military-friendly school

For the third consecutive year, East Central Community College in Decatur has been designated as a Military Friendly School for its commitment to providing educational services to military students. ECCC received the prestigious award from Victory Media, which honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. Jessica Gibson, Coordinator of Veteran's Affairs and Enrollment Services, second from left, and Deanna Rush, Director of Admissions and Records, are shown displaying a plaque signifying the honor. Also pictured are ECCC President Billy Stewart, left, and Randall Lee, vice president for student services. For more information regarding services provided military veterans at ECCC, contact Jessica Gibson in the Office of Admissions and Records, at 601-635-6392 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 392. The email address is jgibson@eccc.edu.

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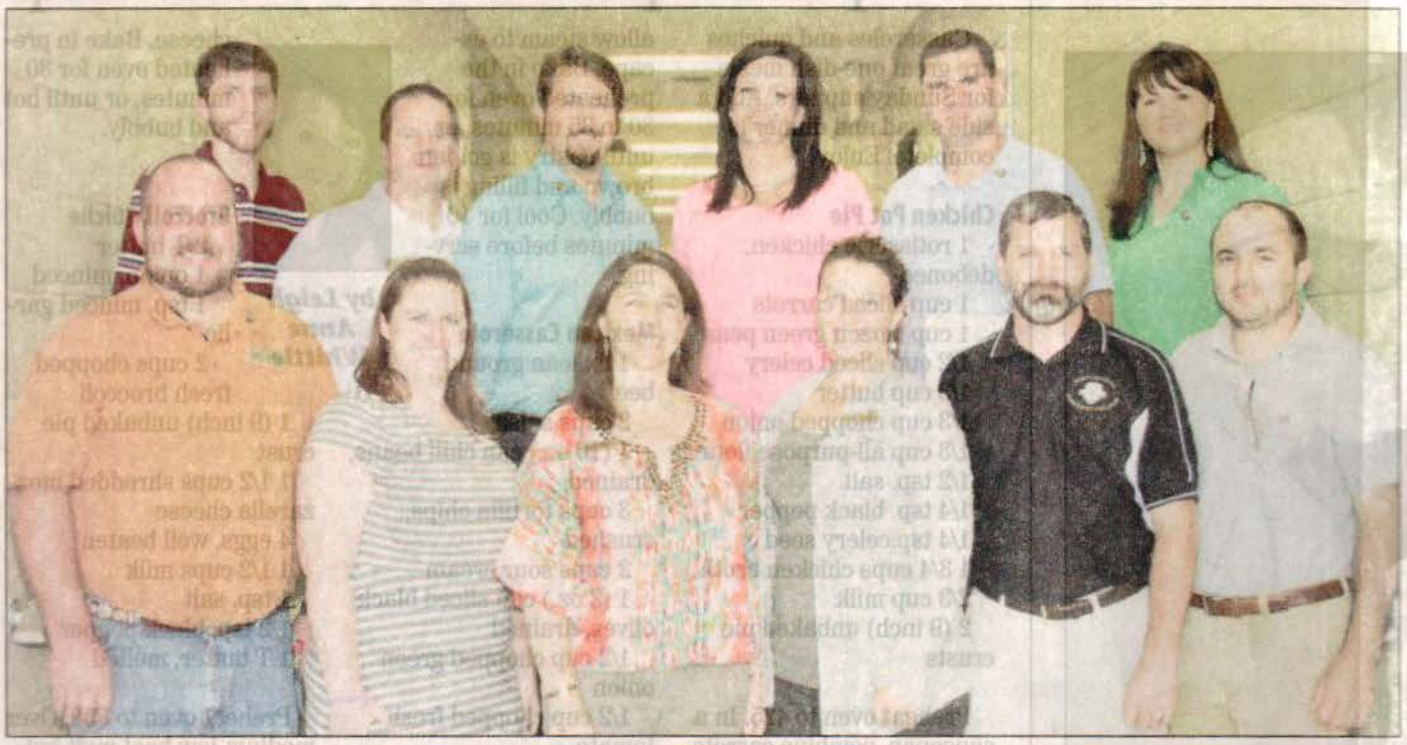
New faculty members welcomed at ECCC



New faculty members were welcomed for the 2014 fall semester at East Central Community College in Decatur. The new instructors and their respective subject areas include, pictured front row from left, Harold Hollingsworth, heating and air conditioning technology; Betsy Anderson, history; Michelle Lee, sociology; Sharli Daigle, biology; Michael Miles, mathematics; and Jody Addy, precision machining and manufacturing technology; and, back row, from left, Madison Price, history; Chris Kelly, EMT-Paramedic Technology Program Director/Instructor; Blake Everett, English; Danielle Brock, Warrior Path to Success; Talmage Graham, physics; and Valerie Nicholson, nursing. Not pictured is Marcia Russell, who is also a recent addition to the nursing faculty.

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WEEK OF 10-19-2014

Class of '64 celebrates 50th reunion at ECCC

Members of the East Central Community College Class of 1964 observed their 50th class reunion during the 2014 Homecoming festivities held Saturday, Oct. 11 on the Decatur campus. Class members in attendance and their respective hometowns include, front row, from left, Voncile O. Smith, Terry; Jerald Everett and John Boutwell, both of Clinton; Beth Everett Clarke, Hoover, Ala.; Carol Turner Parten, Brandon; and Larry Tanner, Crane Hill, Ala; second row from left, Linda Comans Shaw, Mobile, Ala.; Kay Fulton Lucas, Newton; Harold Aycock, Greenfield, Calif.; Benny Buckley, Philadelphia; Roger Hines, Kennesaw, Ga.; and Dee Nicholson Payne, Florence; and back row from left, Bill Lea, Madison; Henry Wilson, Enterprise; Bill Freeman, Newton; Paul Powers, Kosciusko; and Otis Farmer, Atlanta, Ga. Honorees received Golden Anniversary diplomas from college President Billy Stewart during a special ceremony held in Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium.

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Constitution Day celebrated at East Central

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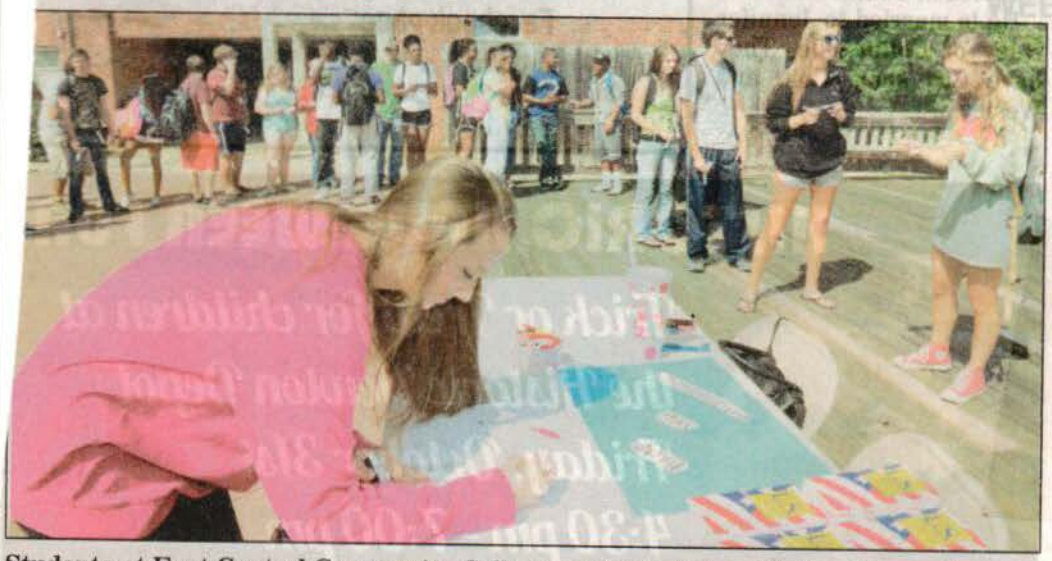

Students at East Central Community College celebrated Constitution Day on Sept. 17 with the student-led reading of the U.S. Constitution, distribution of copies of the Constitution and an American history trivia questions session to win prizes on the Decatur campus. Pictured Madison Pettigrew of Forest signs in to take part in the reading of the U.S. Constitution in the mall area outside Mabry Cafeteria on Constitution Day.

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Classes of '57, '58, '59 reunite at festivities

lembers of the East Central Community College Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 were mong special groups honored during the 2014 Homecoming festivities held Saturday, ct. 11 on the Decatur campus. Class members in attendance and their respective ometowns included, front row, from left, Wilmer James, Brandon; Carol Vickers and eanette Thrash, both of Decatur; Lois Cooper, Madison; and Beverly O. Martin, oanoke, Va.; and back row, from left, Mack Shelton, Pearl; Jimmie Rea, Flora; and ancy Haggard, Clinton.

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WEEK OF Oct 19, 2014

East Central Class of 1949 honored

Members of the East Central Community College Class of 1949 were among special groups honored during the 2014 Homecoming festivities held Saturday, Oct. 11, on the Decatur campus. Class members in attendance and their respective hometowns included, seated from left, Wyatt Tullos, Clinton; and Jesse Harris, Suwanee, Ga., and, standing from left, Jamie Harrell, Rayville, La.; Sara Cagle Crawford, Marion, Ariz.; Beverly Ricks, Monroe, La.; James Breland, Cleveland; and John Blount, Decatur.

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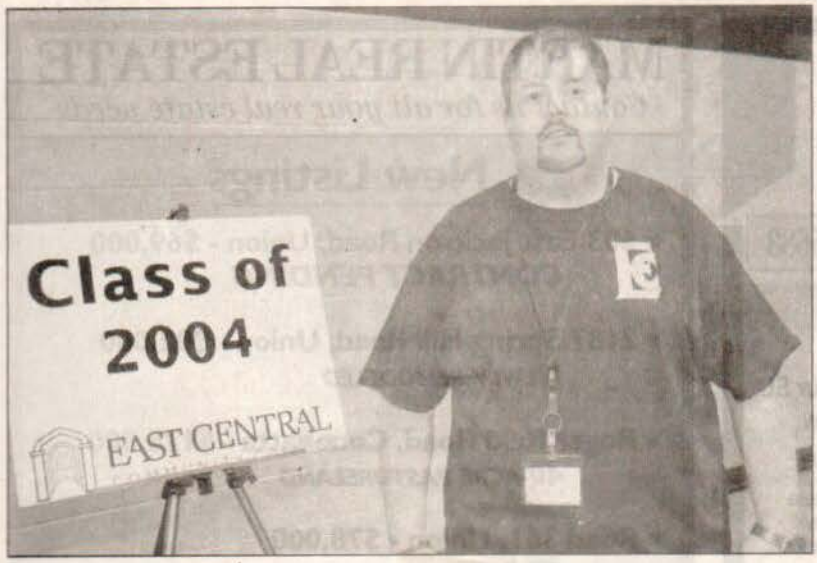
Davis represents Class of 2004



Allen Davis of Decatur, a member of the Class of 2004, was among alumni attending reunion activities during East Central Community College's 2014 Homecoming celebration held Saturday, October 11.

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ECCC Class of 1994 gathers at college homecoming

Members of the ECCC Class of 1994 were among special groups recognized during the college's 2014 Homecoming festivities held Saturday, Oct. 11 on the Decatur campus. Class members in attendance and their respective hometowns included, from left, Michelle Perkins Rushing, Walnut Grove; Evelyn Nelson Dupree, Brandon; Rena Reed Pierre, Springfield, La.; Carla Leflore Lewis, Brandon; and Jamala Odom Black, Forest.

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WEEK OF Oct. 26 Nov. 2, 2014

EC faculty chosen as Lamplighters

These East Central Community College faculty members were recently selected to attend the annual Lamplighters Conference, which honors outstanding community and junior college instructors throughout the state. Lamplighters and their respective teaching areas include, from left, Natalie Emmons, music keyboard; Kristie Pilgrim, surgical technology; and Sherri Cliburn, special populations reading. This year's conference was hosted by Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale..

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WEEK OF NOV. 2, 2014

ECCC Homecoming 5K winners

These participants captured first-place honors in their respective divisions of the annual East Central Community College 5K Race held as part of Homecoming activities Saturday, October 11, 2014 on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated, from left) Griffin Bailey of Decatur (Kids' One-Mile Fun Run), Matthew Nowell of Philadelphia (Male 0-12), Kiersten Selman (Female 0-12) and Lori McMullan (Female 40-49), both of Decatur; Lanette Hanna of Louisville (Female Overall Masters) and Donna Luke Pierce of Philadelphia (Female Overall Grand Masters); and (standing, from left) Charlie Creel of Sebastopol (Male Overall Masters), Hunter Collins of Noxapater (Male 20-29), Jerry Lewis of Lake (Male 30-39), Krissi Munn of Decatur (Female Overall), Erin Thornton of Walnut Grove (Female 20-29), Amanda Lewis of Lake (Female 30-39), Becky Monk (Female Walker Overall) and Stacy Monk (Male 50-59), both of Hickory. ECCC instructors Scott Hill and Susan Fox-Smith served as co-chairmen of the annual event. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF NOV 10

College to present dinner theatre

From school reports

Tickets are now on sale for the East Central Community College fall dinner theatre production of "The Laurel and Hardy Murder Mystery" by Barry Stoltze.

Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 13-15, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

Director is Stacey Pollock.

Cast members and their respective hometowns include Sara Wysocki (as Stan Laurel), Walnut Grove; Enoc Reynoso (Oliver Hardy), Keanu Hoye (Mike Chex), and Greyson Dye (Max von Slowburn), all of Carthage; Jeremy Hudson (Orsen Wellfred), DeKalb; Bristol Buffington (Lt. Lou Tenant), El Paso, TX; Mary Levin (Tracy) and Madelon Taylor (Mitzi Ditsy), both of Louisville; Jessie Jones (Lillian Swansong), Pelahatchie; Wil Johnson (DeForrest Ford DeTreese), Morton; Alana Knowles (Greta Grebe), Decatur; and John Thames (Chex's father), Magee.

The dinner theatre menu includes baked chicken, roast beef, potato casserole, squash medley and vegetable blend, and assorted desserts.

Tickets are $15 and can be reserved by calling the college switchboard, at 601-635-6215.

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Warrior Wonderland coming

East Central Community College in Decatur invites area residents to get into the Christmas spirit by attending "Warrior Wonderland" Friday, December 5, 2014, following the Decatur Christmas parade.

This special celebration of Christmas begins at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Cross Hall and Founders Gymnasium and will conclude at 8:30 p.m.

Several ECCC staff members have been involved in planning the inaugural event.

"I would like to recognize and thank Ms. Kristi Smith, Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth and Ms. Stephanie Stewart for their leadership in planning this new, community-wide event for East Central Community College. Planning an activity of this magnitude for the first time is difficult, and I appreciate their willingness to work together to coordinate the event on behalf of our college," said Dr. Billy W. Stewart, ECCC president.

"I also want to thank our students. East Central is blessed with a wonderful student body. I appreciate each one of our students who will assist in sponsoring the event for our community."

Special performances by the Wall O' Sound Band, Ac'cents show choir, Collegians rock band, Concert Choir and other local entertainers will be held throughout the evening.

Free photos with Santa will be offered from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bounce houses and carnival rides will be accessible with the purchase of a $5 armband. Food and drink vendors will also be available.

Additional activities include a hayride, live nativity scene, Christmas village display, and various specialty booths set up by campus clubs and organizations.

"This event, proposed as an initiative to assist in fulfilling 2020 Vision for East Central, will provide opportunities for our students to interact with families from our local community," Dr. Stewart said.

For more information, contact Kristi Smith, ECCC Director of Housing and Student Activities, at 601-635-6213 or email ksmith@eccc.edu.

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Trustees named for 2014-15 ECCC College Board

Serving as members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees for the 2014-2015 college term are, first row from left, Danny Lanier, Little Rock; Van Lucas, Newton; Jerry Smith (vice chairman), Philadelphia; Jimmy Hollingsworth (chairman), Lake; Patrick Posey, Leake County Supt. of Education; William Kitchings, Carthage; and Annie Stowers, Forest; second row from left), Edsel Cliburn, Union; Prentice Copeland, Philadelphia; Randal Livingston, Louisville; Alan Rhea, Carthage; Rebecca Farris, Morton; Patsy Clark, Louisville; W.B. Jones, Walnut Grove; and Beverly Hart, Union; and back row from left, Ken McMullan, Louisville Supt. of Education; Ricky Goldman, Philadelphia; Pat Cleveland, Decatur; David Byars, Philadelphia; Rodney Bounds, Newton; Royce Shaw (secretary), Forest; Jerry Nance, Louisville and Leo Parker, Noxapater. Not pictured are Kimsey Cooper and Janie Wilbanks, both of Carthage; Tommy Dearing, Neshoba County Supt. of Education, J.O. Amis, Newton County Supt. of Education; Vernon Crotwell, Morton; and Delane Hudson, Louisville.

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WEEK OF NOV 10, 2014

EC Daycare staff, students, visit Lazy Acres Pumpkin Patch in Chunky

hildren attending the East Central Community College Daycare Center, students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Program, daycare center staff and parents recently sited Lazy Acres Pumpkin Patch in Chunky. The children learned about farm animals as well as the development of pumpkins. They enjoyed a hayride through the pumpkin atch, picking pumpkins, petting the farm animals and a pig race.

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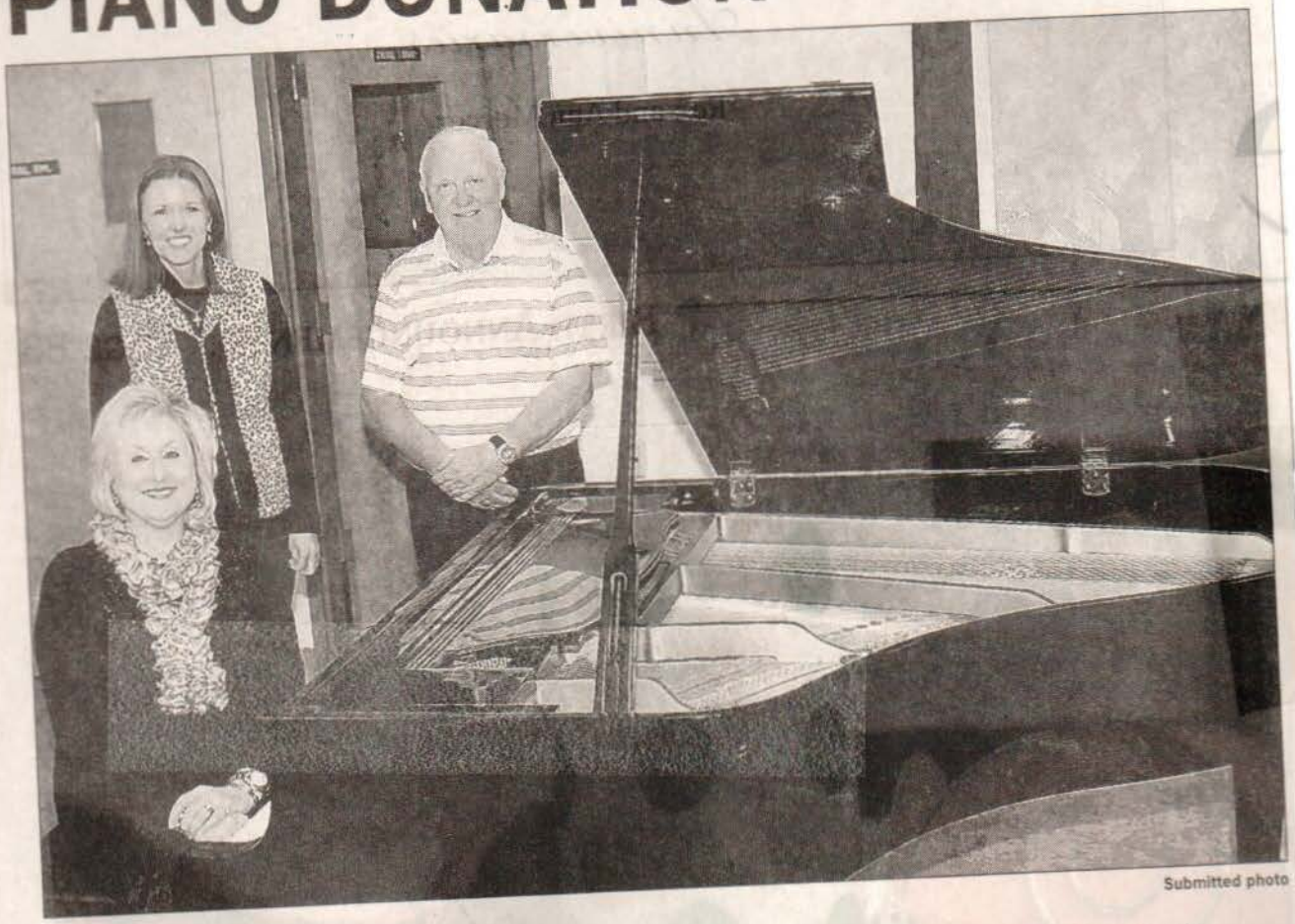

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Hank Moreau of Decatur recently donated a six-foot Young Chang Grand Piano to East Central Community College in Decatur. Moreau donated the piano in memory of his wife, Sara Ruth (McGee) Moreau. Mr. and Mrs. Moreau were both members of the ECCC Class of 1959. The piano will be housed in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. Pictured are: (seated) ECCC Fine Arts Division Chair/Music Instructor Vicki Blaylock and (standing, from left) ECCC Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth and Hank Moreau.

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WEEK OF Dec. 21, 2014

ECCC collects gifts for Toys for Tots

More than 1,000 toys and gifts for needy children were recently collected by East Central Community College staff members and students for the annual Toys for Tots Campaign sponsored by the Marine Corps League. The campaign is coordinated by the college's Workforce Education Department and SkillsUSA members. Wayne Eason, center, director of workforce education, is shown with Marine Corps League representatives Ray Trepanier, left, and ECCC alumnus Andy Gardner, who are members of the General Louis Wilson Jr. Detachment 173 in Rankin County.

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East Central's Johnston to retire

By Luke Horton
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DECATUR — Erle E. "Bubby" Johnston loves to talk, and for the past 28 years he has talked about East Central Community College. But almost always from behind the scenes.

If you've watched an ECCC commercial on TV, the words are Johnston's or his staff's even when they're coming out of someone else's mouth. If you've seen an advertisement for the college in this newspaper, it was their handiwork. The same goes for radio, Internet and social media. Through just about every kind of media, the 61-year-old has told ECCC's ever-changing story.

The Vice President for Public Information will retire this month, meaning the perpetually busy Johnston will slow down for the first time in his adult life.

"It's time," Johnston said about retiring. "I'm looking forward to traveling and spending time with great nieces and nephews."

Johnston, who is tasked with promoting the college and communicating with the area's many media companies, seems to be hand-made for the job. Only time will tell if he's as good a fit at slowing down.

Nearly 30 years

Spending three decades at the same job is rare. Johnston has stayed put at ECCC because he loves what he does and he loves the college — and also because "no better job offers came in, " he said with a laugh recently.

He has witnessed monumental change during his 28 years at ECCC. When he first started, photographic darkrooms and hand-delivered packages of photos and stories were common.

When he took the job at EC, he used a Selectric typewriter, an instrument most college students might recognize but have never touched. He has survived the transition from film photography to digital. He witnessed — and is still surviving — the explosion of the Internet and social media. His job is communicating, and that means communication through any means necessary. Twitter, Facebook and the like have all become second hand for Johnston.

But he remains a face-to-face guy. And it's in that environment that Johnston shines. At a recent lunch interview on the college campus, Johnston spent much of the time shaking hands with colleagues and talking with friends. He's well known on campus and throughout the media world of east central Mississippi.

First job in Forest

Johnston got his start in communications at a newspaper in Forest. He graduated from Mississippi State University on a Sunday and began working the next day with his father at The Scott County Times, he said. His family owned the newspaper and he eventually followed in his father's footsteps — writing, editing and producing a weekly print publication. One of Johnston's many goals during retirement is to finish a book his father started on the state Republican party. His father was a mover and shaker in Forest and the state — like so many newspaper men in those days.

Johnston soon learned that the hassle and controversy that comes with running a small-town newspaper wasn't for him. The family sold the newspaper in the early '80s.

New position opens at EC

It was then that he applied for an opening at ECCC for the newly-created public information department. Johnston was hired by former ECCC President Eddie Smith. He also worked for Smith's successor, Phil Sutphin, and currently works for President Billy Stewart.

All were different leaders with different strengths, Johnston said, but all have made their mark on the college. The sweeping changes currently being ushered in by Stewart are needed, he said.

The college has undertaken a host of ambitious projects in Stewart's tenure. There's a new turf football field, a campaign to raise funds for new football facilities and countless facility improvements on campus, among others. And Johnston has been there to tell the public why these projects are important.

Cancer survivor

Lately, he's done that while battling, then recovering from, prostate cancer. Johnston received radiation treatments and hormone therapy, and was declared "cured" earlier this year. He rarely missed work during his treatments, and while he was vocal about his diagnosis, it almost never affected his work. Johnston admitted that he would rather be working during that time than sitting at home thinking about his diagnosis.

"On Aug. 5, after receiving my second hormone shot and six weeks earlier having completed the radiation treatments, I was declared cancer free — for which I am very thankful, of course," he said. "I have been richly blessed by the good Lord above and family and friends who kept me in their thoughts and prayers on a regular basis."

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He also worked for Smith's successor, Phil Sutphin, and currently works for President Billy Stewart.

All were different leaders with different strengths, Johnston said, but all have made their mark on the college. The sweeping changes currently being ushered in by Stewart are needed, he said.

The college has undertaken a host of ambitious projects in Stewart's tenure. There's a new turf football field, a campaign to raise funds for new football facilities and countless facility improvements on campus, among others. And Johnston has been there to tell the public why these projects are important.

Bubby Johnston, Vice President for Public Information, is retiring this month after 28 years at East Central Community College.

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Award winner

Johnston has received numerous awards and honors during his time at EC, with the biggest honor being elected president of the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM) for 2013-14, he said.

"It just goes to show that if you stay a member of an organization you may eventually be elected president," he joked after being elected. "If I were younger, serving as CPRAM president would look great on my resume. Now that I am a senior citizen, the honor will look great in my obituary."

Johnston's first act as a retiree is a trip to Disney World with his older sister, Carol Lindley, and her family — which includes six grandchildren.

"I'm very much looking forward to spending more time with family and friends," he said.

"Bubby has served the students, employees, and communities of East Central Community College well for 28 years," Stewart said. "I am proud for Bubby that good health has returned, and he can enjoy the retirement he so richly deserves with Janet and his family.

"While he will say that he has been richly blessed to work at the college these many years, I would say that we have been the ones to receive the blessing having worked alongside him."

Johnston is married to the former Janet Harris of Quitman. He graduated from Forest High School in 1971. He earned his bachelor's degree in business in 1975.

He also took journalism courses at MSU and worked on the campus newspaper, The Reflector.

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ECCC staffers honored for assisting soldiers

Command Sgt. Maj. John A. Thomas, center, recently visited the East Central Community College campus to present Command Sergeant Major Awards to Teresa Houston, left, vice president for instruction; and Deanna Rush, director of admissions and records. The ECCC staff members were recognized for their work in partnering with the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion of the Mississippi Army National Guard to enroll students in courses and begin their advancement toward an associate's degree. Also receiving an award but not pictured is Krista LeBrun, dean of eLearning

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ECCC Gospel Choir

ECCC Gospel Choir Sponsor Honored

Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson (center) of Lawrence, longtime sponsor of the East Central Community College Gospel Choir, received a surprised honor at the talented group's fall semester concert held Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Decatur campus. ECCC Board of Trustees members Delane Hudson (front left) of Louisville and Jerry Smith (right) of Philadelphia, who serves as Board vice chairman, announced the establishment of the Brenda K. Johnson Gospel Choir Scholarship at ECCC. Details of the scholarship will be announced at a later date. Mrs. Johnson has led the Gospel Choir since 1988. Pictured in back are (from left) Dr. Randall Lee, vice president for student services, and ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart, who also provided remarks. (EC Photo)

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TOPS IN EC WELLNESS COMPETITION

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The "Real Contenders" took top honors during the East Central Community College Wellness Warrior Healthy Habits Challenge. The competition, which was held during October and November, was a points-based event that challenged employees to eat healthier, drink more water and exercise. "There were 109 participants in the Challenge," said Dr. Krista LeBrun, event chairperson. "Many participants stated this was just the motivation they needed to get their health on track and that this was a fun activity to complete with their colleagues." Pictured (from left) are team members Joe Barrett, Chris Clark, Virgie Thames and Emilee Smith, all members of the Workforce Development staff. Team members not pictured are Melissa Allman and Lucretia Williams.

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East Central Warriors

Karcher and ECCC Warriors 'Excited' to begin year 2

Coaches have expectations for success in 2014

By BUBBY JOHNSTON
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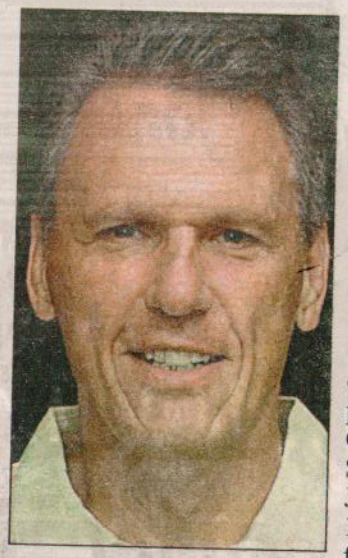
DECATUR — Ken Karcher admits his first year as East Central Community College's head football coach was a learning experience for him and his staff.

However, Karcher, whose first taste of Mississippi JUCO football resulted in a 1-8 season in 2013, stated the league was everything he expected.

"The league in general was everything that people told me it would be," said the former NFL quarterback and NCAA Division I head coach. "It's a very job recruiting…we also have new facilities being built, which is especially exciting for the young athletes…so we are very excited about how the future looks for our football pro-



Karcher

lot of people there and it was especially great seeing the kids with smiles on their faces having gone through a tough year."

Expected to provide the "nucleus" for success this season, are sophomores JaDerrick Farrow, a 6' 200-pound safety from Bleckley High School in Cochran, Georgia; Lamarcus Franks of State Line, a 5-7, 150-pound running back from Greene County High School in Leakesville; Jimmy Cockrell, a 5-10, 170-pound wide receiver from Columbus; Darryl Rogers, a 6-3, 215-pound defensive lineman from Laurel; Tyler Pace, a 6-2, 280-pound tight end from Newton; and Trent Haden, a 5-9, 190-pound long snapper from Sumrall.

Karcher said Farrow is attracting attention from several university programs and is expected to be the defensive leader.

Franks, who won a starting position about mid-season, is expected to be the offensive leader. Franks had his "banner day" as a Warrior in the win over MS Delta, as the speedster rushed for 211 yards on 28 carries and scored twice. He finished the season with 610 yards on 126 carries and three TDs.

"We are looking for big things from them as they lead our football team," Karcher said.

Karcher said Rogers and Pace will also play key roles on defense, and Cockrell is also expected to be a leader on offense.

Karcher chuckled when mentioning long-snapper Haden as a key returnee, but added, "It's a position no one thinks about until the snap goes over a punter's head! But Trent does a good job, too!"

Overall, Coach Karcher said he expects the Warriors to be "more physical" on offense, defense and special teams; a team that will be "fundamentally sound" with minimum mistakes; and a team that will be "exciting" for fans to watch.

The Warriors start the 2014 campaign by traveling to MS Delta for a 7 p.m. matchup Thursday, August 28 in Moorhead.

The home opener with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, and will be played on the new synthetic turf.

Coach Karcher said the welcomed addition to Bailey Stadium will benefit more than just the football program.

"What the new turf brings is vision and hope for the future not only for our football team but for all the College's sports programs," Karcher stated. "It's also great for the local community. I've noticed local folks looking at the new surface and we've had several coaches from local high schools and other campus visitors come see the new turf as well. Obviously the new surface will drastically affect football recruiting because the 18-year-old athlete is attracted to the best facilities, and our facilities will be as nice if not the nicest in the state. And next year we hope to start construction on the Football Operations Center,

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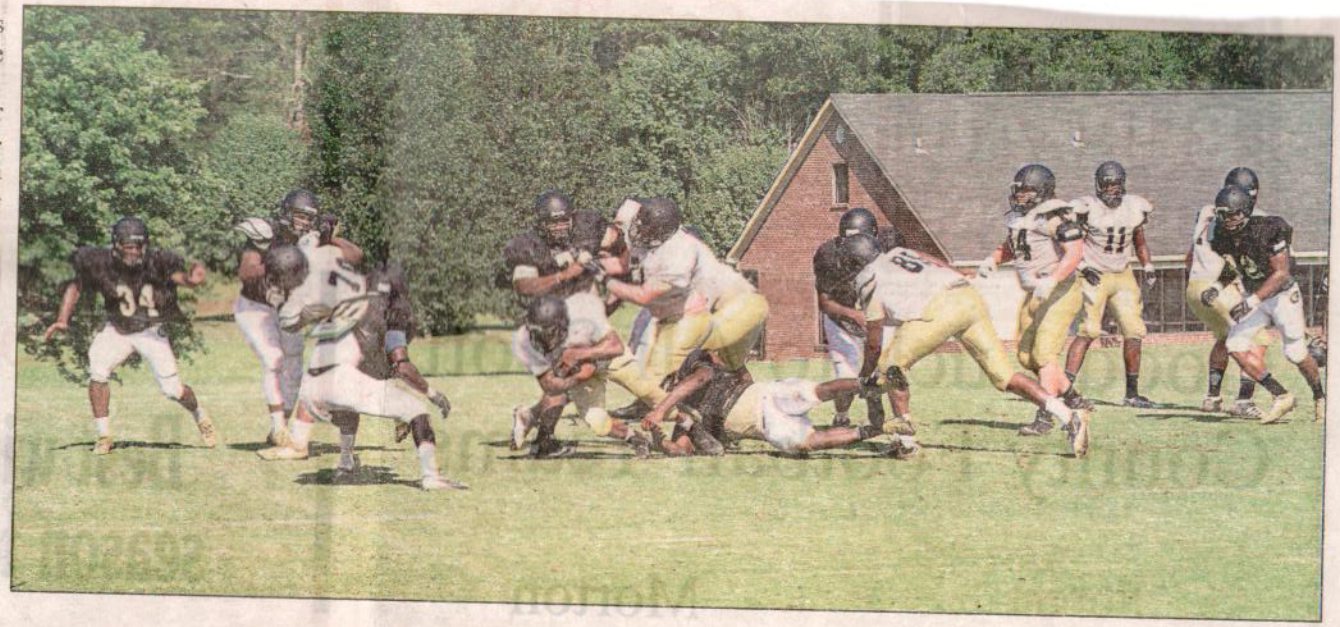

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Now with more than a year under his belt as Warrior head coach, Karcher has quickly attracted a lot of attention with the type program he plans to build on the Decatur campus. A successful recruiting season coupled with the fact that 70-plus players reported to camp in hopes of making the 55-man roster are signs of anticipated success. But Karcher cautions that success takes time to accomplish.

"We are trying to build a successful program here but it will not happen overnight…there are no quick fixes," he stated. "Hopefully each year we will get better, we will attract better players and more people will become interested in the program."

Regarding the 2014 recruiting class, Karcher said he is "very encouraged" with the results.

"It's early but we are very encouraged because of the little things we did not see the previous year," Karcher stated. "We now have kids who are eager to be here, who understand the basis of work ethic, who understand football acumen and who do not have to be taught everything from square one. This is a very competitive group of freshmen who enjoy what they are doing and have fun doing it. They are also a very athletic group."

Karcher gave credit to his assistant coaches for attracting such a quality group. In addition, anticipated new athletic facilities have generated a lot of excitement.

"Our coaches did a great gram."

Success for the Warriors last year came with the lone victory - a thrilling 36-31 homecoming victory over Mississippi Delta Community College, which came in the final seconds of the non-division battle Oct. 12 at Bailey Stadium.

"When we started practice in August, I was not confident that we would win any games," Karcher admitted. "But I thought our kids did a good job of trying to buy in for the most part to what we were doing, and when the season started they competed for 60 minutes every game even though they were outmanned."

Karcher recalled how the victory provided a tremendous boost to the players and coaches as well.

"It was a big win and came at the right time - homecoming! There were a

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Warriors

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which will really make things happen and provide a tremendous boost to our program."

Whether the top returnees, a talent-laden recruiting class or new facilities will result in wins this season remains to be seen.

But what is even more important to Coach Karcher, is the individual player.

"What is sometimes lost in any athletic program and is most important are the people playing the sport and the lives that are involved. Often we as fans make the mistake by looking at a player and just seeing his jersey number or name on the back and forget he is someone's kid and a young person who may be going through a tough time.

"We like to believe that our football program, like many other programs, is a tool to touch lives of kids. Sure, we hope to win championships every year but realistically that will not happen…we may just win one or two games a year or none at all. But as I tell my players, we win every day at East Central football."

Serving on Coach Karcher's staff are Scott Brock, defensive coordinator and linebackers coach; Mickey Mays, defensive line coach and special teams coordinator; Charles Jones, defensive backs coach and head strength coach; Dennis Alexander, offensive line coach; Ben Cooper, tight ends and running backs coach; and Tylan Martin, wide receivers coach. Karcher also serves as offensive coordinator.

East Central looking to overcome tough times

By Reed DeSalvo
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DECATUR— The East Central Community College football program has fallen on difficult times. The Warriors are in the midst of enduring 12 consecutive losing seasons, including a 1-8 mark last season.

But with a fresh start in 2014, and a bevy of new recruits on campus, second-year coach Ken Karcher is excited about the prospects that the upcoming season could potentially bring.

"We have a whole new squad," Karcher said. "It was our first opportunity to recruit. We're very excited about the recruits we have, and are looking forward to this year. We feel like this recruiting class will increase our athletic ability on the field, and hopefully our performance."

However, Karcher was quick to point out that the transition from the bottom of the conference to the top will not be a one-year transformation.

"We have a long way to go," Karcher said. "It's going to take many years to get this program to the level where it needs to be at consistently."

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> *ECCC head coach*

Part of that difficulty comes in the level of competition the Warriors will face in the South Division of the MACJC.

"We play in a very difficult league with well-coached teams," Karcher said. "Usually on a schedule, you have one or two soft teams, but you don't have that in this league.

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East Central Community College head coach Ken Karcher is pictured during a game last season. Karcher is entering his second year with the team.

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East Central Community College running back Lamarcus Franks, right, carries the ball during a game against Coplah-Lincoln Community College last season.

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Admitedly, Karcher identifies the daunting task of maintaining a top-notch program with a high level of turnover on a year-to-year basis at a community college. Karcher plans to combat the high-turnover rate with a stable group of coaches working alongside him.

"It starts with the coaches and the people that are going to be here," Karcher said. "If we can be consistent in our staff, now you're keeping the same philosophies from year-to-year."

Additionally, Karcher must revamp the mindset the Warrior players have had in the past.

"The first thing you have to convince the kids is that we have nothing to do with the past," Karcher said. "The past is irrelevant in terms of our on-field performance."

Offensively, the Warriors plan to utilize a balanced attack, but the philosophy will be dictated by player personnel and a strong understanding of the playbook.

"We want to be multiple" Karcher said. "We'll evaluate our guys, and put them in the best position possible to succeed."

Karcher will look to employ a similar philosophy on the defensive side of the ball, varying formations up front.

More Information

ECCC coach Ken Karcher said one of his main goals is convincing the players the past doesn't matter.

"I think most defense nowadays are very multiple, and we'd like to be multiple," Karcher said. "We want to have that flexibility; it helps in employing multiple coverages. With the change and the turnover happening so often, you have to be multiple."

This offseason, Karcher has leaned on three returning starters to provide leadership. Defensive back JaDerrick Farrow, running back Lamarcus Franks and long-snapper Trent Hayden have all stepped into leaderships roles.

"Those are three young men that have stepped up and led this team," Karcher said. "Not only on the field, but in many areas outside from football," Karcher said.

In the end, Karcher's primary focus is developing the players as people, with the added emphasis of wanting his players to leave campus a better person than when they arrived.

"We're in this to build better young men," Karcher said. "We recognize that football is a tool, and it's a tool to help kids develop character."

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East Central Community College defensive back JaDerrick Farrow, left, goes for a fumble during a game last season

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East Central football coaches

Photo courtesy of East Central Community College

Ken Karcher, kneeling center, begins his second year as head football coach at East Central Community College in Decatur. Karcher also serves as offensive coordinator. Assistant coaches and their respective areas of responsibility include, from left, kneeling, Scott Brock, defensive coordinator/linebackers; and Mickey Mays, defensive line/special teams; standing, Tylan Martin, wide receivers; Ben Cooper, tight ends and running backs; Dennis Alexander, offensive line; and Charles Jones, defensive backs and head strength coach.

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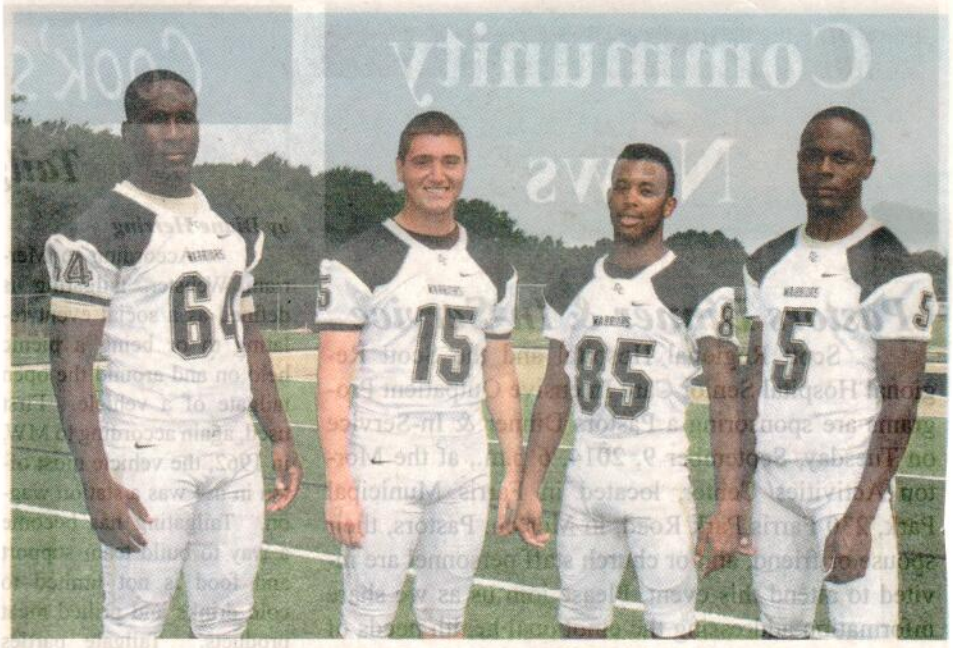

'Scott' ECCC Football Warriors

The 2014 East Central Community College football squad includes several players from Scott County. From left are tight end/offensive lineman Lucas Morgan (64/86), a product of Morton High School; and kicker Chandler Powell (15), wide receiver Chad Kincaid (85) and defensive back Jaylon Lofton (5), all of Forest. The Warriors are led by second-year head coach Ken Karcher. (EC Photo)

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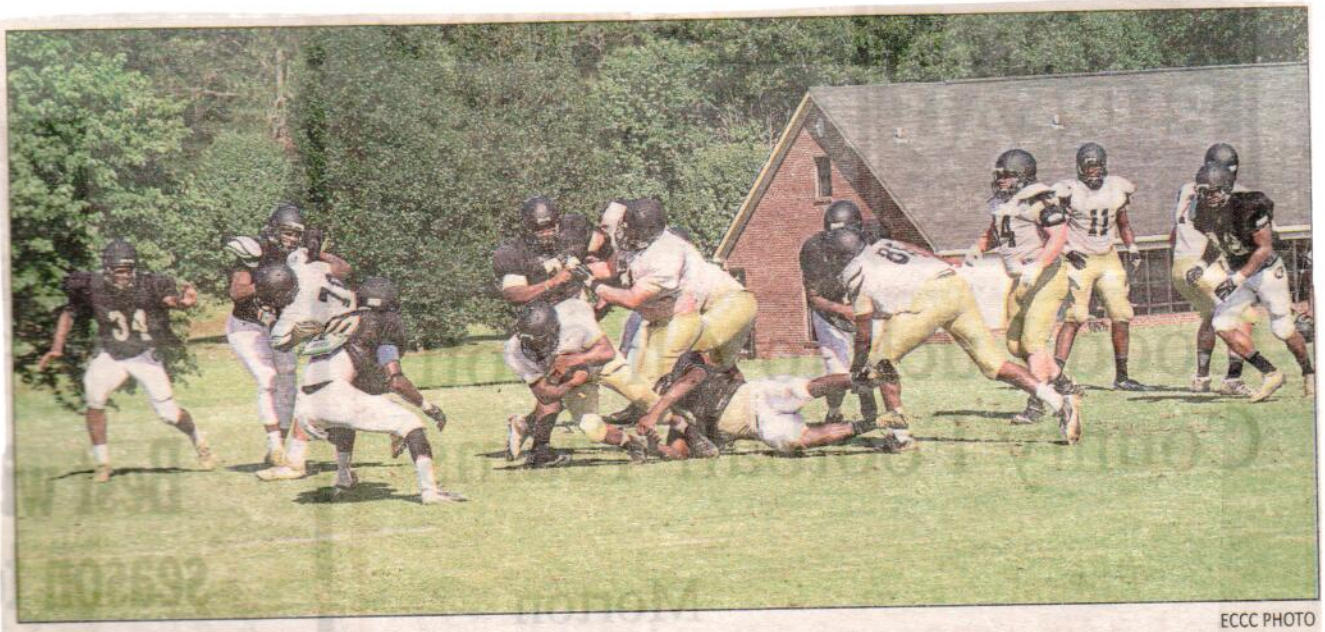

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The 2014 East Central Community College football squad includes two players from Neshoba County. From left are linebackers Thomas McCool (38) and Darrion Burnside (42), both products of Neshoba Central High School.

Warriors open season at Delta

From school reports

The East Central Warriors open their 2014 football season Thursday night when they visit Mississippi Delta.

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"We are trying to build a successful program here but it will not happen overnight…there are no quick fixes," he said in an earlier school PR report.

"Hopefully each year we will get better, we will attract better players and more people will become interested in the program."

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Former-Noxapater star Hamilton gets nod at QB for EC

From school reports

MOORHEAD – Two fourth-quarter touchdowns – including one score on a long punt return - provided the winning margin for the homestanding Mississippi Delta Community College Trojans who held on for a 21-12 decision over East Central Community College last Thursday.

Former Noxapater High School standout got the start at quarterback for ECCC, hitting on 14-of-34 passes for 233 yards and a 46-yard touchdown pass to Xavier Willis.

Delta jumped out to a 7-0 lead on Roshard Burney's three-yard burst with 1:17 left in the first quarter. Zacarion Goodman booted the first of his three PATs.

The Warriors trailed throughout the non-division battle but closed the gap to 7-6 thanks to a pair of field goals off the foot of freshman Brennan O'Keefe's, who hit a 34-yarder midway in the second quarter, and drilled a 38-yarder with 6:32 remaining in the third stanza.

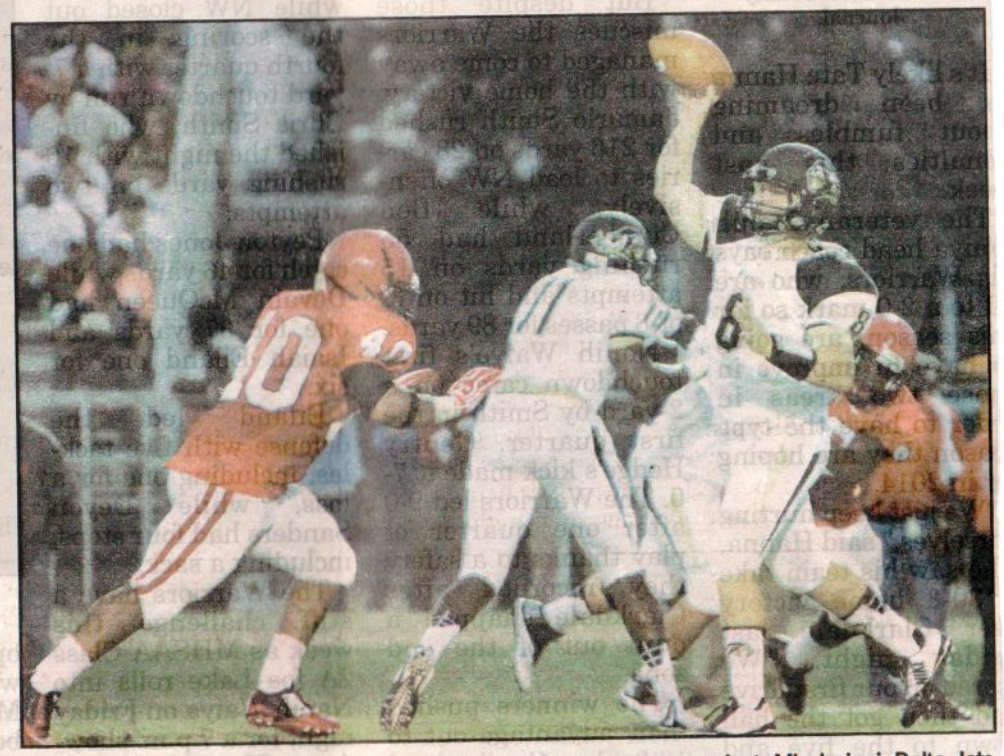
The Trojans added two fourth-quarter scores, the first on another three-yard run by Burney, followed by Cedric Poole's 83-yard punt return with 6:09 remaining, which extended the Delta advantage to 21-6. East Central scored its lone touchdown on the pass from Hamilton to Willis in the game's final minutes.

Freshman Rashad Moore was the top receiver for the Warriors with six catches for 88 yards. while Willis had three catches for 46 yards. EC's running game was led by sophomore Lamarcus Franks, who compiled 53 yards on 12 carries. Sophomore running back Marquis Hedge had nine rushes for 24 yards. Hedge is from Forest Hill High School.

EC's defense was led by freshman defensive back Jaylon Lofton, who had two interceptions, one of which was made in the end zone and stopped a possible Trojan score.

Next up for EC is another road trip to the Mississippi Delta, where the Warriors will challenge Coahoma Community College Thursday (Sept. 4). Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on the Clarksdale campus.

The Tigers dropped a 36-6 decision to Pearl River Community College in their season opener last week in Poplarville.



Former Noxapater standout Ethan Hamilton delivers a pass against Mississippi Delta lats Thursday. He finished the night 14-of-34 for 233 yards and a touchdown. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Warriors Fall 21-12 to Delta in Season Opener

MOORHEAD – Two fourth-quarter touchdowns – including one score on a long punt return - provided the winning margin for the home standing Mississippi Delta Community College Trojans who held on for a 21-12 decision over East Central Community College at Jim Randall Field Thursday, August 28.

The Warriors trailed throughout the non-division battle but closed the gap to 7-6 in second-half action following freshman Brennan O'Keefe's second field goal of the night.

O'Keefe, a product of St. Martin High School, put EC on the scoreboard with his 34-yard field goal midway in the second quarter, and drilled a 38-yarder with 6:32 remaining in the third stanza.

East Central scored its lone touchdown when sophomore quarterback Ethan Hamilton connected with wide receiver Xavier Willis on a 46-yard TD pass late in the game's final minutes.

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Willis had three grabs but netted 46 total yards. He is a product of Newton County High School.

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Next up for EC is another road trip to the Mississippi Delta, where the Warriors will challenge Coahoma Community College Thursday, Sept. 4. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on the Clarksdale campus.

The Tigers dropped a 36-6 decision to Pearl River Community College in their season

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ECCC tops Coahoma Community, 35-14

From staff reports

CLARKSDALE — Marquis Hedge ran for 100 yards and four touchdowns on 22 carries as East Central Community College (1-1) topped Coahoma Community College, 35-14, Thursday night.

Hege got started with a 6-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ethan Hamilton in the second quarter for the first score of the game. He scored against in the second on a 5-yard carry. ECCC led 14-0 at the break.

In the third quarter, touchdown runs of 2 and 3 yards apiece gave Hedge his other two scoring tallies. ECCC also scored in the fourth quarter on a 48-yard run by SaVon Robinson.

For Coahoma, a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns cut the score to 35-14. Marcel Williams caught a 61-yard pass from Anthony Mitchell, and Mickey Ridley scored on a 5-yard carry.

Hamilton finished 11 of 17 for 114 yards and a touchdown. Lamarcus Franks had 100 yards on 13 carries.

ECCC will host Mississippi Gulf Coast at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday for its home opener.

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Warriors notch first victory at Coahoma

Marquis Hedge ran for ee touchdowns and ght a pass for another e in helping lead East tral Community Col- to a 35-14 thumping r Coahoma Communi- College Thursday, Sept.

The Warriors evened ir record to 1-1 on the ng season following e non-division win, ile the home-standing gers remained winless er two starts.

Ken Karcher, now in s second year as ECCC ad football coach, com- imented his young uad on the lopsided vic- ry.

"I thought our guys played a very physical football game," said Karcher in a post-game interview. "They had to overcome some early mistakes but I felt they grew up a little more tonight."

After a scoreless first quarter, Hedge hauled in a six-yard strike from quarterback Ethan Hamilton early in second quarter action to give EC a lead it would not relinquish. Freshman kicker Breenan O'Keefe connected the first of his five PATs for the 7-0 advantage. O'Keefe is a product of St. Martin High School.

Hedge, a 5-9, 185-pound sophomore running back from Forest Hill High School, scored again on a five-yard burst with under a minute left before halftime.

Hedge tallied twice in the third period, first on a two-yard scamper with 9:32 left followed by a three-yard run near the end of the period.

Coahoma avoided a shutout when quarterback Anthony Mitchell of Moss Point hooked up with wide receiver Marcel Williams of McLaurin on 61-yard pass play with 5:30 left in the contest. Cody Spears of Pisgah kicked the PAT.

EC responded with a score about a minute later when freshman running back SaVon Robinson burst through the Tiger defense on a 48-yard scamper to pay dirt. Robinson is a product of Raymond High School.

Coahoma tallied the game's final points on a five-yard run by Mickey Ridley with less than two minutes remaining. Ridley is a product of McNair High School in Atlanta. Spears added the PAT.

Hedge finished the night with 100 yards on 22 carries.

Teammate Lamarcus Franks also registered a 100-yard performance, as the sophomore speedster with a 5-7, 142-pound frame compiled 100 yards on 13 attempts. Franks is product of Greene County.

Hamilton, a 6-2, 242-pound sophomore, also put up impressive numbers in his second outing as signal caller. The Noxapater High School product completed 11 of 18 passes for 114 yards and the one TD pass to Hedge.

O'Keefe is a perfect five-for-five on PAT's. He connected on both field goal attempts in the opener at MS Delta.

Freshman Chandler Powell continues to excel at punter on the young season. His longest effort in the Coahoma game covered 50 yards.

The Warriors begin MACJC South Division Thursday, Sept. 11, as they challenge nationally-ranked Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. on the recently installed synthetic turf field at Bailey Stadium.

The Bulldogs are undefeated in 2014 following wins over Northeast Mississippi Community College and Northwest Mississippi Community College.

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ECCC hangs tough in loss to Gulf Coast

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• Warriors eventually fall 35-7 at home

For almost three quarters, East Central Community College's football squad provided a tougher opponent than most expected against nationally ranked Mississippi Gulf Community College Thursday night at Bailey Stadium.

The Warriors trailed the No. 4 Bulldogs by only a 14-7 margin with a few minutes remaining in third stanza, but the visitors capitalized on EC miscues in fourth-quarter action and pulled away for a 35-7 victory in the MACJC South Division opener for both squads.

It was also an historic night for East Central, as the contest was played for the first time on the recently installed synthetic turf. Although attendance numbers are not available, a possibly record crowd was on hand to watch the division battle on a warm and humid night.

Warrior head coach Ken Karcher said he was pleased with his squad's effort, especially against such a formidable foe as the Bulldogs, who began season action with convincing wins over Northeast (41-8) and Northwest (63-7).

"I am extremely proud of my team," said Karcher, now is his second year at EC. "We had every opportunity to win the football game. But in the second half, we had some mistakes that hurt us. But I thought we played them toe-to-toe and physical, and I think that people are starting to recognize that East Central football is changing."

After a scoreless first, Gulf Coast managed to reach pay dirt early in the second quarter when highly touted quarterback Jason Smith of Mobile completed a 21-yard TD pass to wide receiver Tevaris McCormick of Biloxi, capping a 12-play, 55-yard drive.

The Bulldogs extended their lead to 14-0 on their next possession, as Smith tossed his second TD pass, this time a 10-yard strike to wide receiver Tyrone Williams of Diamondhead.

East Central responded with an eight-play, 75-yard scoring march, culminating on quarterback Ethan Hamilton's 35-yard TD pass to wide receiver Xavier Willis with 1:21 left before halftime.

Karcher had high praise for the sophomore signal caller out of Noxapater, especially his efforts during first-half action.

"I thought Ethan really managed the game well in the first half," Karcher said. "They (Gulf Coast) came out and started pressuring us in the second half, and I thought that's what got to us."

Gulf Coast did find the end zone again midway in the third stanza, as Smith and Williams hooked up again, this time on a 10-yard scoring pass play, capping a six-play, 51-yard march, which extended the Bulldog lead at 21-7.

But any hopes of a comeback were dashed early in the final stanza, when Hamilton's pass attempt was picked off by Bulldog defensive back Tony Bridges who returned the pigskin 24 yards to pay dirt and stretched the Bulldog lead to 28-7.

Gulf Coast later capitalized on Hamilton's second interception deep in Warrior territory, as Smith found the end zone on an eight-yard scamper with 6:06 remaining for the game's final points.

The Warriors will take a break from division action by hosting Holmes Community College Thursday, Sept. 18. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Bailey Stadium.

The ECCC/Holmes matchup is designated as "Black-Out Bailey Night" and "Be Our Guest Night."

Warrior fans are encouraged to wear black and purchase "Black-Out Bailey" T-shirts from Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, event sponsor.

All area high school students will be admitted to the game at no charge as part of the annual event.

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East Central Community College speedster Xavier Willis (9) sprints to the end zone for the Warriors' lone score against Mississippi Gulf CoastCommunity College Thursday night at Bailey Stadium in Decatur.

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ECCC Warriors Thumped by Nationally Ranked Co-Lin

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By: ECCC Media Relations

-- An early three-touchdown deficit was too much to overcome for the East Central Community College Warriors, who were blitzed 43-0 by nationally ranked Copiah-Lincoln Community College Thursday, Sept. 25 at H.L. Stone Stadium on the Wesson campus.

East Central fell to 2-3 overall and 0-2 in the MACJC South Division following the setback, while the No. 19 Wolfpack improved to 3-2 and 1-1.

Co-Lin scored on the second play of the division battle when defensive back Arthur Maulet of Harvey, La., picked off Warrior quarterback Ethan Hamilton's pass attempt and returned the pigskin 28 yards to pay dirt. Greg Nickles made the first of his five PATs on the night for the 7-0 advantage. Hamilton is a Noxapater product and Nickles hails from East Rankin Academy.

Wolfpack return specialist Donald Gray showed why he is a top NJCAA Division I prospect as the freshman speedster from Memphis returned Chandler Powell's punt 47 yards for a touchdown, extending the Co-Lin advantage to 14-0 with 8:37 left in the first stanza.

De'Lance Turner made it 21-0 when he crossed the goal line on his 24-yard scamper with just over five minutes remaining in the initial period. Turner is a product of Perry Central High School.

Gray, a Mississippi State University commit, scored his second TD via punt return on his 52-yard effort with 7:26 left before halftime and a 28-0 advantage.

Co-Lin completed first-half scoring when running back Diquan Davis tallied on a 14-yard run with 35 seconds remaining before the break. Davis is a product of Greenville-Weston High School.

The Wolfpack went to the air for their final TD of the night, as quarterback Daniel Fitzwater connected with wide receiver Courtney Foy on a 17-yard scoring pass play with 7:43 left in the third stanza. Fitzwater is a product of Calvary Baptist Academy in Shreveport, and Foy hails from Midfield High School in Birmingham.

Co-Lin's final points came on a safety late in the contest.
East Central finished with 163 total yards compared to 319 for Co-Lin.
Hamilton completed seven of 16 passes for 46 yards. His longest completion was a 36-yard strike to wide receiver Gary Triplett, a product of Central High School in Baton Rouge.

Trey Willis, who relieved Hamilton in the second half, connected on two of five passes for 28 yards. His top target was Kenadaira Watts, who hauled in a 21-yard reception. Willis is a product of Forest Hill High School and Watts hails from Newton.

Lemarcus Franks led EC rushers with 86 yards on 18 carries. The longest run for the Greene County High School product went for 51 yards.

Powell, a Forest High School product, averaged 38.5 yards on eight punts.

Linebacker Eric McPherson of Jackson Jim Hill led EC's defenders with five tackles. Other top tacklers were linebacker Jerry McGee of Collins and defensive lineman Jadarius Ceasar of Paul W. Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, four each; and defensive back JaDerrick Farrow of Bleckley County HS (Cochran, Ga.) and defensive lineman Kendrick Maxwell of Houston, three each.

The Warriors travel to Hinds Community College Thursday, Oct. 2. Kickoff for the division battle is set for 6:30 p.m. on the Raymond campus.

Hinds improved to 3-2 overall following their 31-17 win over Northwest Mississippi Community College Thursday, Sept. 25. The Eagles are 2-1 in league play.

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WEST ALABAMA HEROES: Hard work paying off for Jadarius Caesar

By Barry Allen
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East Central Community College assistant coach Mickey Mays knows a Division I football player when he sees one. So when he first laid his eyes on former Paul W. Bryant High School defensive lineman Jadarius Caesar, he could see a bright football future.

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East Central Community College defensive lineman Jadarius Caesar is fourth on the team in total tackles (20) and leads the team in tackles for loss (3) and sacks (2).

"The sky is the limit for him," Mays said. "He has got the stuff that you look for. He is very coachable. He is a big, tall guy that can run. He is a great kid."

Mays said Caesar, 6-foot-5, 245 pounds, needs to put on some weight and maintain his schoolwork, and if he does, he can certainly play at the Division I level.

"He is a Division I player, no doubt," Mays said. "I've coached a lot of guys over the years and he is a Division I player. How high he goes really depends on how hard he works to develop himself in the classroom, the weight room and on the field. He weighs 245 pounds and he want to get him to 270 pounds next year."

Caesar's only scholarship offer out of high school was to play at East Central. He moved to Decatur, Miss., on June 23 to begin his collegiate football career.

"The coaching staff called my coaches at Bryant High School and they sent them some videos," Caesar said of the recruiting process. "I took a visit and worked out for them on campus and they offered me a scholarship. I got here on June 23 and have been working hard. Being here this summer has really helped me a lot."

Mays said he liked Caesar's football skills along with his character.

"I really liked him as a person," Mays said. "He seemed like this is what he really wanted to do and football is important to him. He is a great kid and hard worker on the field."

Caesar has played in all four games this season for the Warriors. He is fourth on the team in total tackles (20) and leads the team in tackles for loss (3) and sacks (2). He had his best game of the season with nine tackles and two sacks in the 14-6 win over Holmes Community College on Sept. 18.

"I think I have done real well this season," Caesar said. "I have worked hard to learn the system. I feel like I have improved each week. I am more comfortable with my role."

Mays is also pleased with his play so far.

"He can play the run," Mays said. "He is stronger on the field than he is in the weight room. He can attack the block with his inside hand really well. He is getting better each week with the pass rush."

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WESSON — East Central Community College tallied just 163 yards of total offense in a blowout loss to Copiah-Lincoln Community College Thursday.

Quarterback Ethan Hamilton was 7 of 16 for 46 yards for ECCC, and Gary Triplett had two catches for 33 yards. Lamarcus Franks rushed for 86 yards on 18 carries.

On defense, ECCC's Eric McPherson had five tackles, and Jerry McGee and Jadarius Ceasar both finished with four tackles.

ECCC (2-3) will play at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday at Hinds Community College.

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East Central rallies

East Central Community College's Warriors overcame an early deficit and several miscues to post a 14-6 victory over Holmes Community College Thursday night on the Decatur campus.

The start of the MACJC non-division matchup was delayed almost an hour due to lightning strikes in the area.

But EC fans did not seem to mind the delay or the slight drizzle that followed, as a large crowd remained at Bailey Stadium to watch the Warriors improved to 2-2 overall under second-year head coach Ken Karcher.

"This is great for the kids," Karcher said in a post-game interview. "There are a lot of people who are working hard, from our practice players and to our players playing in the game. So it was very exciting to see them as excited and as happy as they are. It was a tough game, but I'm glad we came out on top!"

Sophomore speedster Lamarcus Franks, who tips the scales at just over 140 pounds on his 5-7 frame, was the workforce for the Warrior rushing attack and even made a key "defensive" play that possibly saved a Holmes score late in the contest.

Franks, a former standout at Greene County High School, finished the night with 158 yards on 27 carries. His eight-yard touchdown run early in third period provided the Warriors with the eight-point margin of victory.

"You can count on him to run," said Karcher of Franks. "He's the guy to spark our offense, and I can't say enough about him. On the field and off the field, he's a leader for our football team."

It was Hamilton's 27-yard touchdown strike to freshman wide receiver Kabion Ento that tied the contest at 6-6 with just 31 seconds left before halftime. Brennan O'Keefe gave EC a 7-6 lead with the first of his two PATs.

Hamilton, a sophomore signal caller from Noxapater, finished the night by completing seven of 14 passes for 64 yards.

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He had one interception.

Ento led EC receivers with four grabs for 57 yards and the one TD.

The two scores were all EC needed to notch the victory, thanks to a stubborn Warrior defense, which registered six quarterback sacks and limited the Bulldogs' potent Flexbone rushing attack.

"I take my hat off to our defensive coaches," said Karcher. "They did a heck of a job defensively. To prepare for that type of offense is very difficult, and they've been going up and down the field on everybody."

The lone Holmes score against EC came on Javon Arnett's one-yard plunge with 7:32 left in the opening stanza. Cole Ballard's PAT attempt was no good.

"Our defense for the most part shut Holmes down," Karcher said. "I can't say enough about what our staff and our kids did, and the kids that ran the scout team in practice to prepare for Holmes. It was a great defensive effort."

Defensive leaders for EC were defensive lineman Jadarius Ceasar five solo tackles, four assists and two quarterback sacks; linebacker Eric McPherson of Jackson Jim Hill, six tackles, and two assistants and two quarterback sacks; defensive lineman Darryl Rogers, three tackles and five assists; defensive lineman Jonathan Young, two tackles and four assists; defensive back JaDerrick Farrow, three tackles and two assists; and defensive tackle Tyler Pace had two tackles, three assists and two quarterback sacks.

The Warriors return to MACJC South Division competition when they challenge Copiah-Lincoln Community College Thursday, Sept. 25. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. in Wesson.

The Wolves are 2-2 overall and 0-1 in league play following their 45-35 loss to visiting Southwest Mississippi Thursday.

EC is also 0-1 in division following a 35-7 defeat to nationally-ranked Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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Juco roundup: Greene County product Lemarcus Franks having a solid season for East Central CC

East Central Community College running back Lemarcus Franks, a Greene County product, takes a handoff in action for the Warriors against Co-Lin last week. (Photo courtesy/ECCC SID).

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Greene County product Lemarcus Franks continues to put up solid numbers at East Central Community College.

Franks, a sophomore running back, is the top rusher for the Warriors this season and led East Central with 86 yards on 18 carries last week in a loss to Co-Lin. That came on the heels of a big outing in a 14-6 win over Holmes the week before, as Franks ran for 158 yards on 27 carries and scored the game-winning touchdown.

"You can count on him to run," ECCC head coach Ken Karcher said of Franks. "He's the guy to spark our offense, and I can't say enough about him. On the field and off the field, he's a leader for our football team."

East Central is 2-3 overall and 0-2 in league play. The Warriors travel to Hinds Community College Thursday. Kickoff for the division battle is set for 6:30 p.m. on the Raymond campus.

Elsewhere last week in MACJC action, Pearl River smacked Southwest 34-7 while One MACJC intra-division game was played Thursday with host Hinds defeating Northwest Mississippi 31-17 in Raymond. Also in the South, fourth-ranked and undefeated Mississippi Gulf Coast bombed sixth-ranked and home-standing Jones County 42-3 in Ellisville. In the North, reigning national and state champion and top-ranked East Mississippi blasted Itawamba 51-0 in Fulton and Holmes defeated Mississippi Delta 27-8 in Goodman. Northeast Mississippi beat winless Coahoma 44-7 on Saturday.

Elsewhere this week, five Thursday games are on tap with two set for Saturday. Thursday games in the South see Copiah-Lincoln (3-2, 1-1) at Pearl River (2-3, 1-2) in Poplarville, East Central 2-3, 0-2) at Hinds in Raymond, and Southwest Mississippi (1-3, 1-2) at Mississippi Gulf Coast in Perkinston. In the North, Holmes (2-3, 1-2) hosts Northwest Mississippi (1-4, 1-2) in Goodman and Mississippi Delta (2-2, 1-1) hosts Northeast Mississippi (2-3, 2-1) in Moorhead. Saturday games include North foes Itawamba (1-4, 1-2) at winless Coahoma (0-5, 0-4) for its homecoming in Clarksdale, while unbeaten East Mississippi (5-0, 3-0) will celebrate its homecoming when Jones County (4-1, 2-1) visits Sullivan Stadium in Scooba in the league's only intra-divisional contest of the week. Southwest's and Mississippi Delta's records reflect only four games thus far as the two squads' Sept. 4 game in Wesson was called in the third quarter due to the threat of lightning and may or may not be completed at a later date.

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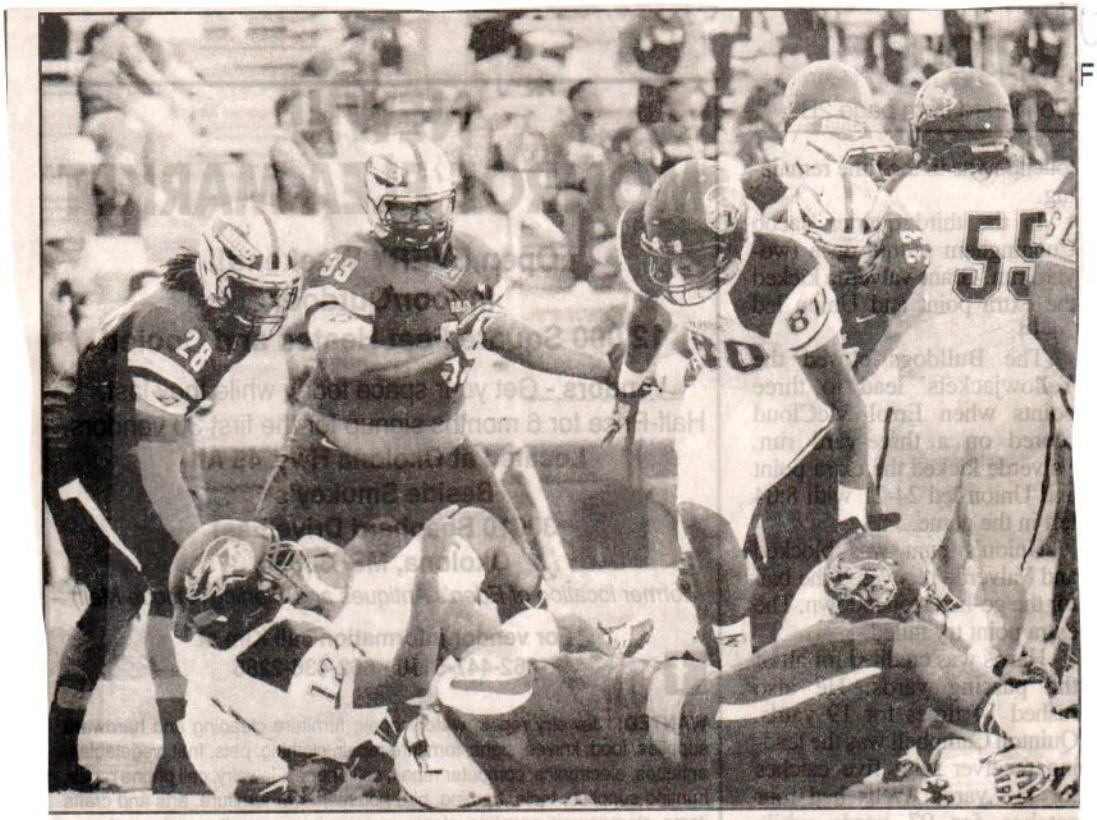

Freshman quarterback Trey Willis (12) crosses the goal line on a one-yard plunge that gave East Central Community College an early 6-0 lead against Hinds Community College Thursday night. (ECCC photo)

Hinds rallies to knock off ECCC

from school reports

RAYMOND- East Central Community College's Warriors jumped out to a 13-0 first-quarter lead over rival Hinds Community College Thursday night, but the home standing Eagles rallied late to claim a 24-16 decision at Renfroe Stadium.

East Central fell to 2-4 overall and 0-3 in league play following the MACJC South Division battle, while Hinds improved to 4-2 and 2-1.

Freshman Trey Willis made his debut as the Warriors' starting quarterback, and did not disappoint as he scored on a one-yard plunge on the game's opening possession and later connected with freshman tight end Jordan Thomas on a four-yard touchdown toss. Freshman kicker Brennan O'Keefe was successful on the first PAT but the second effort was blocked.

The first scoring drive was set up by Gary Triplett's 38-yard return to the EC 42 on the opening kickoff. It took just eight plays for Willis to cross the goal line for the Warriors' early lead.

EC's second score was set by defensive back Raphael McClain, who recovered a Hinds fumble at the Eagle 35-yard-line and returned the pigskin to the six yard line. The Warrior offense stalled mainly due to a personal foul penalty and O'Keefe got the nod to attempt a 33-yard field goal on fourth down. However, his attempt was wide left but a penalty during the kick gave EC a first-and-goal situation on the Eagle eight-yard-line.

Two plays later Willis and Thomas hooked up on the scoring pass play.

Hinds got on the scoreboard late in the opening stanza on sophomore Joseph Houston's 31-yard field goal, which cut the EC advantage to 13-3.

The Eagles narrowed the EC scoring advantage to 13-10 following Joshua Dixon's 19-yard run to pay dirt with 4:10 left before halftime. Houston added the PAT. Dixon is a sophomore running back from Clinton.

East Central continued its 13-10 lead at the break.

The Warriors stretched their advantage to 16-10 when O'Keefe split the uprights from 31 yards out late in the third quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, a Warrior penalty gave Hinds possession on its 40 yard line and it took just one play for Eagle quarterback James Summers to find the end zone. The sophomore speedster burst through the Warrior defense on a 60-yard jaunt to pay dirt. Houston's PAT gave Hinds a 17-16 lead after three periods.

After the EC offense was stymied on the ensuing possession, the Eagles marched 80 yards on 12 plays with Summers again finding pay dirt, this time on a one-yard run. Houston kicked the PAT and extended the Eagle advantage to 24-16 with 9:34 left in the division contest.

Franks was again the top rusher for EC, as the 5-7, 142-yard running back compiled 102 yards on 29 carries. Robinson had 46 yards on seven carries.

The Warriors continue division play by hosting Jones County Junior College Saturday, October 11 in the annual homecoming battle. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.

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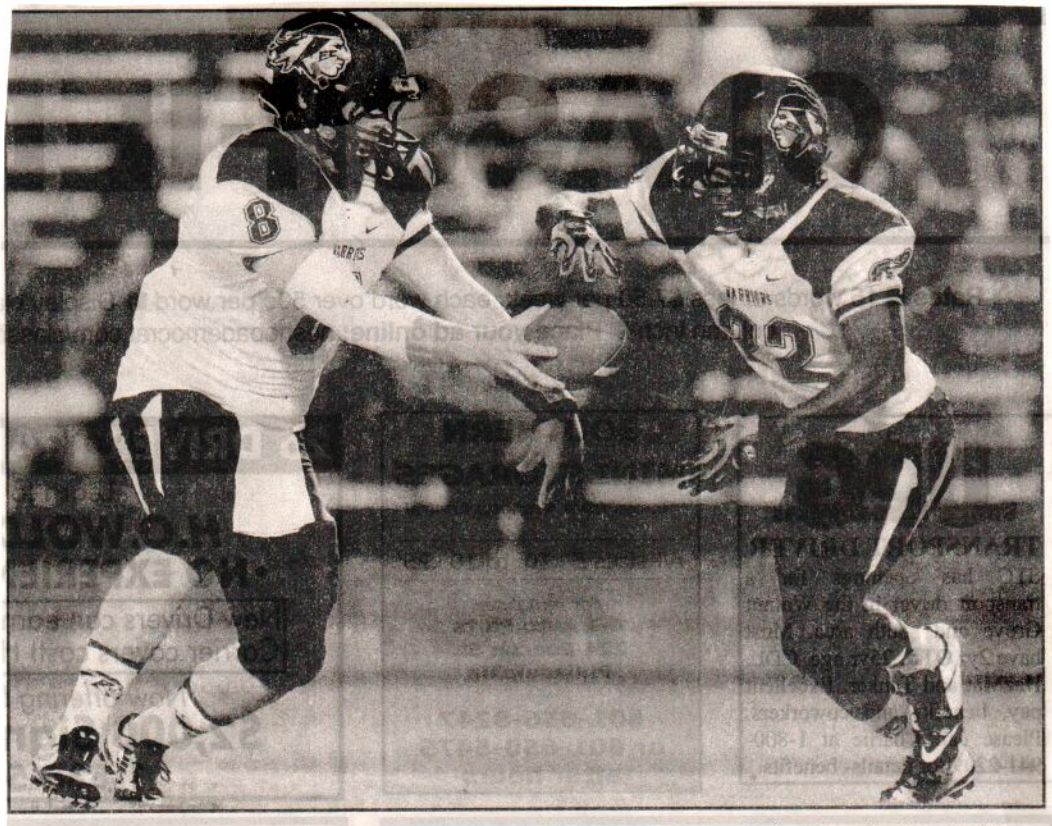

East Central Community College running back Lemarcus Franks (22) takes the handoff from quarterback Ethan Hamilton (8) during the Warriors' MACJC South Division battle with Copiah-Lincoln.

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ECCC defense steps up in 14-7 win

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Banks scampers for a TD

Sophomore speedster Lamarcus Banks (22) scampers for a 39-yard touchdown run during the third quarter for East Central Community College during its 14-7 homecoming victory over nationally ranked Jones County Junior College Saturday afternoon at Bailey Stadium in Decatur

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By Reed DeSalvo rdesalvo@themeridianstar.com

DECATUR — East Central Community College defensive back Austin Balthazor intercepted Jones County Junior College quarterback Steven Swindle in the end zone on a failed Hail Mary attempt as the final seconds ticked away to preserve a 14-7 win.

"I told the team that I'm excited about the continual growth they're showing as men," East Central coach Ken Karcher said. "Out kids have showed a lot of character throughout the year, we've been close, and we finally got over the hump."

The triumph over No. 20 JCJC was the first MACJC South Division win for the Warriors under Karcher.

"(Saturday) was a great win for our program," said Karcher, who is in his second year at the helm. "We like the direction that we are headed, and the kids are extremely excited."

The two teams started the game off executing in completely separate fashion

For East Central (3-4, 1-3), receiver Allen Fails streaked down the center of the field uncovered as the Warriors attempted a flea-flicker. The ball floated in the air and eventually into the hands of Fails; however, the 6-foot-4 freshman was unable to hang on.

On Jones County's (2-2, 4-3) opening play, the Bobcats executed a reverse-wide receiver pass with Kelvin Bourrage eventually hauling in a 42-yard catch down to the East Central 25-yard line. Telvin Moore would cap the drive off six plays later with a 1-yard plunge into the end zone.

"The players showed a lot of character following those situations," Karcher said. "Obviously when you have a flea-flicker open, you want to execute it. The quarterback (Trey Willis) underthrew it, we dropped. As a coach, you're thinking we can't miss on those opportunities."

With 10 minutes remaining in the second quarter, the East Central defense came up big with a momentum-changing play.

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ECCC stuns nationally

A 100-yard interception return by freshman defensive back Trey Sloan and a stellar defensive performance helped provide East Central Community College's Warriors with a stunning 14-7 homecoming victory over nationally ranked Jones County Junior College Saturday afternoon at Bailey Stadium.

Sloan's electrifying touchdown jaunt tied the MACJC South Division battle at 7-7 early in the second quarter and the Warrior defense – bolstered by second-half quarterback sacks from defensive ends Tyler Pace and Jadarius Ceasar, kept the No. 20 Bobcats off the scoreboard. Sloan is a product of Oak Grove High School. Pace hails from Newton High School and Ceasar is a product of Paul W. Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa.

The winning margin came on sophomore speedster Lamarcus Franks' 39-yard touchdown scamper early in the third period action. Franks, despite his 5-7, 142-pound frame, once again led EC rushers with 118 yards on 20 carries. Franks is a product of Greene County High School.

Freshman kicker Breenan O'Keefe added both PAT's. O'Keefe is a product of St. Martin High School.

For second year EC head football coach Ken Karcher, the win was especially sweet. Not only did his Warriors defeat a nationally ranked team in the Bobcats, the impressive victory also marked his first division win, as well as a second-straight homecoming victory. The

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Warriors defeated MS Delta on a late TD pass for the lone victory in 2013.

However, the 2014 homecoming win was not secured until Warrior defensive back Austin Balthazor intercepted Bobcat quarterback Steven Swindle in the end zone on a failed Hail Mary pass in the game's final seconds. Balthazor is a freshman from Seminary.

"I told the team that I'm excited about the continual growth they are showing as men," said Karcher in a post-game interview. "Our kids have shown a lot of character throughout the year, we've been close, and we finally got over the hump!"

He added, "Saturday was a great win for our program. We like the direction that we are headed, and the kids are extremely excited. I am very proud of our young men and they effort they gave today to beat a good Jones team."

The Bobcats, who fell to 4-3 overall and 2-2 in league play, got their only points on Tevon Moore's one-yard run with 9:31 left in the first period. Patrick Ponder added the PAT. Moore is a freshman from Stringer and Ponder is a product of Bay High School.

East Central, which improved to 3-4 overall and 1-3 in league play, travels to Southwest Mississippi Community College Saturday, October 18. Kickoff for the Bears' homecoming contest is set for 5 p.m. on the Summit campus.

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SAFETY NOT ENOUGH

East Central manages just two points in loss to Pearl River

East Central Community College's Lamarcus Franks twist and turns his way toward the end zone against Pearl River Community College Thursday night in Decatur. Inset below, East Central's Xavier Willis fights for yardage as Pearl River defenders wrap him up.

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By Reed DeSalvo
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DECATUR — In an offensive struggle, East Central Community College fell to Pearl River Community College in MACJC South Division action Thursday night, 10-2.

Despite the defense forcing four turnovers, the Warriors' were unable to turn any of the takeaways into points.

The East Central offense struggled mightily throughout the contest, compiling a total of just 127 yards.

Adding to the offensive woes, the Warriors missed a pair of field goals.

"We have to take advantage when presented with opportunities," second-year East Central coach Ken Karcher said. "We missed a couple of field goals, and we turned it back over to them. You're not going to beat many teams doing that."

The loss wraps up yet another losing season for East Central CC, as they haven't notched a winning campaign since 2001.

East Central (3-6, 1-5) utilized a pair of freshman quarterbacks in Trey Willis and Andrew Dunn. The two signal-callers would combine to pass for 57 yards on 5 of 17 passing and three interceptions.

"We have young guys in multiple positions," Karcher said. "We have a freshman-laden team. We struggled all year at quarterback with turnovers. You can't do that, and we'll have to get that corrected in the offseason. Each quarterback played a half, and they are young guys who need to improve, and that's my job."

Along with its four takeaways, the East Central defense limited Pearl River (5-4, 2-4) to just 210 yards and recorded three sacks.

"Our defense did a very good job all year outside of one game (Copiah-Lincoln)," Karcher said. "The defensive coaches (Scott Brock, Charles Jones and Mickey Mays) have done an outstanding job this year, and our defensive line play doesn't surprise me. (Defensive line coach) Mickey Mays can coach anywhere in the county in my mind. I've worked with him before, and he's one of the best in the business."

The ECCC defense forced turnovers on two of the first three offensive plays of the game by Pearl River.

Yet the Warriors' offense was unable to take advantage. After Aubrey Bourn intercepted a pass on the opening possession, ECCC managed to net just one first down before being forced to punt.

On the ensuing possession, Jadarius Ceasar busted through the line and stripped Pearl River quarterback Kaylon Cooper as the Warriors recovered at the 8-yard line.

However, the ECCC offense was kept out of the end zone, and place kicker Brennan O'Keefe missed a 25-yard field goal attempt.

Two minutes into the second quarter, Bourn came up with his second takeaway of the game when Cooper fumbled the snap from center and the freshman linebacker pounced on the ball at the Wildcat 35-yard line.

The Warriors' offense managed to move the ball down to the 1-yard line, but quarterback Trey Willis fumbled after attempting a quarterback sneak.

Three plays later, the Warriors would be awarded a safety when a Wildcat lineman was penalized for holding in the end zone.

However, Pearl River would grab their first lead of the game just two minutes prior to the halftime whistle after running back Darrell Robinson scampered around the right end of the line and into the end zone for a 1-yard score. The scoring play was set up by a Willis interception at the EC 28-yard line.

The Wildcats would maintain their slim margin until place kicker Jevon Detto drilled a 35-yard field goal with 4:27 remaining in the game for the final outcome. The three points were set up by an interception thrown by Dunn on the previous possession inside Warrior territory.

The loss marked the last game 16 players will put on the East Central uniform.

"I just told them in the locker room, that I'm very proud of those guys," Karcher said. "Those guys laid a foundation and a mentality that's going to carry this program to where it needs to go."

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Ento into the end zone

East Central Community College wide receiver Kabion Ento (7) hauls in a 34-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Trey Willis during the Warriors' MACJC South Division battle at Southwest Mississippi Community College Saturday, October 18 on the Summit campus. EC led 14-10 at halftime but the Bears rallied for a 38-14 home-coming victory. Ento is a product of Dollarway High School in Pine Bluff, AR. (EC Photo)

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SWCC pulls away from ECCC for win

Three late scores in the game's final six minutes broke open a close contest and provided Southwest Mississippi Community College with a 38-14 homecoming victory over East Central Community College Saturday, October 18 at John I. Hurst Stadium.

The Warriors were hoping to even their overall record 4-4 and have an opportunity for a winning campaign in the season finale this week, but the host Bears had other ideas and rallied for the MACJC South Division victory.

East Central, which fell to 3-5 overall and 1-4 in league play, had taken a 14-10 lead into the dressing room at halftime.

After the Bears jumped out to 7-0 first quarter lead on Tylertown product Chris Jones' five-yard scamper to pay dirt followed by Reed James' PAT, the Warriors responded with quarterback Trey Willis completing a 34-yard TD strike to wide receiver Kabion Ento early in second-quarter action, capping a six-play, 83-yard drive. Brennan O'Keefe added the PAT.

Willis finished the night by completing 16 of 28 passes for 145 yards and the one TD pass. He is a product of Forest Hill High School. Ento led EC receivers with four grabs for 73 yards and the one score. He hails from Dollarway High School in Pine Bluff, AR. O'Keefe is a former standout at St. Martin High School in Ocean Springs. All three are freshmen.

Southwest regained the lead at 10-7 on James' 40-yard field goal with 9:11 left before halftime. James is a product of Germantown High School.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Warriors took over on their own 19 and quickly marched up field following Willis' 17-yard pass to tight end Devaughn Brown to the EC 36. Brown is a product of a Thibodaux (LA) High School.

However, the drive stalled on the EC 42 and the Warriors faced a four and four situation. Freshman Chandler Powell was set to punt, but instead the Forest High School product raced down the sideline on a 49-yard scamper to the Southwest nine yard line, successfully executing a fake punt as called by head coach Ken Karcher. Chandler had nine punts for a 36.7-yard average.

EC scored on the next play, as sophomore running back Lamarcus Franks tallied on a nine-yard run with just over six minutes left before halftime. O'Keefe added the PAT.

Franks once again led Warrior rushers, as the 5-7, 142-pound speedster from Greene County High School finished with 169 yards on 36 carries, a 4.7-yard per carry average.

Southwest took the lead for good at 17-14 late in the third stanza on Ballard's 43-yard TD strike to Ladarius Slocum of Tylertown. James added the PAT.

The Warriors had a chance to tie the contest early in the final stanza but O'Keefe's 42-yard field goal attempt missed by inches.

Southwest (3-4, 2-3) put the game away in the game's final minutes, beginning with Ballard's 73-yard scamper to pay dirt with 6:12 left, followed by Ballard's 36-yard TD toss to wide receiver Kameron Williams of Bassfield with 3:07 left, and later defensive lineman Josh Samander's 39-yard fumble return with 2:48 remaining. Samander is from Jackson Prep.

The Warrior defense was led by defensive backs Austin Balthazor (Seminary) and Raphael McClain (Starkville), who each had seven tackles and two assists. Other top defenders were defensive back Jaylon Lofton (Forest), seven tackles and a quarterback sack; linebacker Aubrey Bourn (Hattiesburg), six solo stops and one assist; and defensive back JaDerrick Farrow (Bleckley County, GA), two tackles and one assist.

East Central completes 2014 competition by hosting Pearl River Community College Thursday, Oct. 23. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Bailey Stadium. Warrior sophomores will be recognized during a pre-game ceremony.

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EC stumbles in final grid action of year

Turnovers and missed scoring opportunities were too much to overcome for the East Central Community College Warriors who fell 10-2 in the season finale with Pearl River Community College Thursday night at Bailey Stadium.

EC finished 3-6 overall and 1-5 in the MACJC South Division under second-year head coach Ken Karcher. The Wildcats went 5-4 and 3-6 under second-year head mentor William Jones.

The Warrior defense forced four turnovers during the low-scoring contest, but the offense was unable to take advantage of the opportunities, which included a fumble at the Wildcats' one-yard-line and two missed field goals.

"We have to take advantage when presented with opportunities," said Coach Karcher. "We missed a couple of field goals, and we turned the ball back over to them. You're not going to beat many teams doing that."

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EC's defense forced turnovers on two of the first three offensive plays by Pearl River, but could not muster any points.

Aubrey Bourn's interception off a deflected pass from quarterback Kaylon Cooper gave EC possession on its 33, but the Warriors were forced to punt after earning one first down. Bourn is a freshman linebacker from Hattiesburg.

The Wildcats fumbled on their next possession, as defensive lineman Jadarius Ceasar burst through the line and stripped Cooper of the ball and made the recovery at the Pearl River eight-yard-line.

EC's offense was unable to cash in on the scoring opportunity, as Brennan O'Keefe was unsuccessful on his 25-yard field goal attempt. O'Keefe is a freshman and product of St. Martin High School.

cials. (Franks, a sophomore running back from Greene County High School, finished the night with 94 yards on 26 carries. He was 39 yards shy of reaching the 1,000-yard mark for the 2014 season.)

Pearl River took possession on the one, but three plays later EC was awarded a safety when a Wildcat lineman was penalized for holding in the end zone with 6:20 left before halftime.

EC's 2-0 advantage lasted only a few minutes, as the Wildcats capitalized on a Willis interception at the Warrior 27. Two plays later, sophomore running back Darrell Robison scored on a one-yard plunge with 1:49 remaining in the half. Freshman kicker Jovon Detto added the PAT. Robison is a Noxubee County product and Detto is from Pearl River Central.

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Karcher utilized both freshman quarterbacks for the division battle, as Trey Willis directed the offense in the first half and Andrew Dunn took over for the final two quarters. They combined for 57 yards passing on five-of-17 attempts and three interceptions.

Willis (5-5, 165) is a product of Forest Hill High School and Dunn (6-7, 230) hails from Pascagoula High School.

"We have young guys in multiple positions," said Karcher. "We have a freshman-laden team. We struggled all year at quarterback with turnovers. You can't do that, and we'll have to get that corrected in the final season. Each quarterback played a half, they are young guys who need to improve, and that's my job."

In addition to the four turnovers, EC's defense limited Pearl River to just 210 yards and recorded three quarterback sacks.

"Our defense did a very good job all year outside of one game (Copiah-Lincoln)," Karcher said. "The defensive coaches (Scott Brock, Mickey Mays and Charles Jones) have done an outstanding job this year, and our defensive line play does not surprise me. (Defensive line coach) Mays can coach, anywhere in the

Bourn gave EC another scoring opportunity following his second takeaway on the Wildcat 35-yard-line.

Willis led the Warrior offense on an impressive drive, which included a 57-yard pass completion to running back Marquis Hedge to the Wildcat 24-yard-line. Hedge, a sophomore from Forest Hill, followed with runs of four and six yards to the 14, and speedster Lamarcus Franks toted the pigskin 14 yards to the one-yard-line. Willis tried to sneak over the goal line from the one, but he apparently fumbled before reaching pay dirt, according to offi-

After a scoreless third period, the Warriors missed another scoring opportunity early in the fourth stanza when O'Keefe's 39-yard field goal was unsuccessful. EC began the drive near midfield following a Pearl River turnover.

The game's final points came on Devon's 35-yard field goal with 4:27 remaining, and resulted from a Warrior turnover near midfield.

The season finale marked the final game for 16 Warrior sophomores.

"I just told them in the locker room, that I am very proud of those guys," Karcher said. "Those guys laid a foundation and a mentality that's going to carry this program to where it needs to go."

WEEK OF Nov. 30, 2014

Four ECCC playing in football all-star game

DECATUR – East Central Community College will be well represented in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College (MACJC) All-Star Football Classic as four Warriors were selected to participate in the 41st annual contest scheduled Thursday at Northeast Mississippi Community College.

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Tiger Stadium on the Booneville campus.

For the first time, the All-Star matchup will be shown live at www.nemcctv.com. The pregame show starts at approximately 12:45 p.m. Jeremy Kennedy, the "voice" of Northeast Tiger athletics, will call all the action.

ECCC football standouts named to the South squads are running back Lamarcus Franks of State Line, offensive lineman Marcus Johnson of Columbus, and defensive backs Raphael McClain of Starkville and JaDerrick Farrow of Cochran, Georgia.

Franks, a 5-7, 142-pound speedster from Greene County High School, led EC in rushing with 923 yards on 190 carries, a 4.9-yard average. His longest run went for 51 yards. He also scored three touchdowns.

Johnson, a 6-1, 242-pound product of New Hope High School, is regarded as one of the top offensive lineman in the state.

McClain, a 5-10, 164-pound product of Starkville High School, registered 38 solo tackles and 12 assists. He was also credited with two quarterback sacks and a pair of forced fumbles.

Farrow, a 5-11, 198-pound product of Bleckley County High School, had 39 solo stops and 10 assists. He was also credited with a fumble recovery.

Northeast has welcomed the MACJC's top pigskin stars for the past 28 years, dating back to the mid-1980s. The annual event marks the second consecutive season during that span in which the contest has been moved from its usual Saturday afternoon slot.

"We are extremely honored and proud to once again serve as host for this annual game," said Northeast athletic director David Robbins. "It is something that we look forward to because we feel it is a fantastic way to recognize a special group of student-athletes from all over the state."

Sophomores from each of the MACJC's 14 football-playing institutions are eligible to participate in the yearly tradition.

Thirty-three players comprise the North and South rosters with each college contributing at least three athletes.

The all-star coaches select the remainder of the roster, but no more than eight players from one school are allowed.

Both units are slated to report to Booneville at noon Tuesday, December 2. The gridiron standouts will have three practices before the contest – one session Tuesday and two workouts on Wednesday. The practice sessions allow coaches from across the state to visit one location and scout the best talent that each MACJC member has to offer.

Southwest Mississippi Community College's Tucker Peavey will direct the South squad. Jeff Koonze of Holmes Community College leads the North team. However, the remaining JUCO head football coaches will serve as their assistants for the first time on the rich history of the game.

The MACJC All-Star Football Classic serves as a springboard to the next level for many All-Stars since its inception. Numerous athletes from previous matchups have received scholarships at four-year colleges and universities in NCAA Divisions I and II, and the NAIA.

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ECCC FOOTBALL AWARDS

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These outstanding Warrior football players received honors at the annual Fall Sports Awards Banquet held at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are long snapper Trent Haden of Sumrall, academic award; and defensive lineman Tyler Pace of Newton, most improved defensive player and second team MACJC All-State. Award winners not pictured are defensive back JaDerrick Farrow, a product of Bleckley County High School in Cochran, GA, defensive captain and MACJC All-Star; running back Lamarcus Franks of Greene County, most valuable player, offensive captain, MACJC All-Star and second team MACJC All-State; offensive lineman Marcus Johnson of New Hope, most improved offensive player and MACJC All-Star; defensive back Raphael McClain of Starkville, MACJC All-Star; and defensive back Austin Balthazor of Seminary, second team MACJC All-State. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart, head football coach Ken Karcher, and assistant coaches Mickey Mays, Scott Brock, Dennis Alexander, Charles Jones, Ben Cooper and Tylan Martin presented awards.

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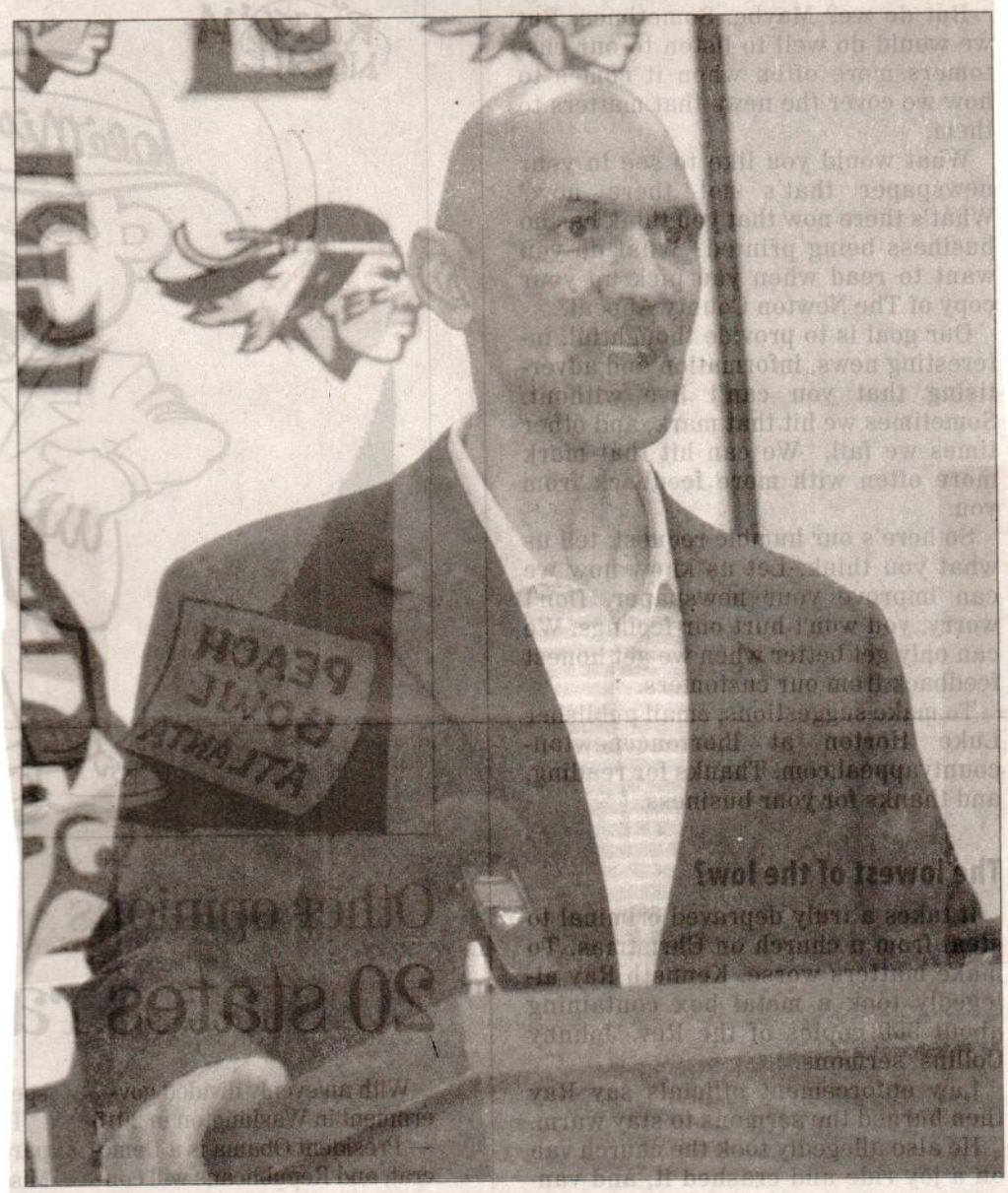

Super Bowl-winning coach Tony Dungy visited East Central Community College on March 28 at the invitation of his friend, head football coach Ken Karcher. Decatur Aldermen approved a resolution naming March 28 "Tony Dungy Day."

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ECCC GOLF TEAM

ECCC photo

Pictured here are members of East Central Community College's golf team for the 2014 campaign. Kneeling from left are Sawyer Williams, a product of Parkers Chapel High School, Eldorado, AR, and Jonathan Amis of Newton County High School in Decatur. Standing from left are Michael Jones, a product of Forest High School; Karlton Ginn, Franklin (La.) High School; Sam Williams, Newton County Academy, Decatur; Taylor York, Choctaw Central, Choctaw; Aaron Tucker, Leake Central, Carthage; and Kirk Stonestreet, a product of Kosciusko High School. Also pictured is Chris Clark, Warrior golf coach.

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ECCC golfers finish 7th in Meridian event

From school reports

MERIDIAN — Golfers representing East Central Community College participated in MACJC Event No. 3 Monday and Tuesday at Northwood Country Club in Meridian.

The Warriors linksters posted a score of 490 (331-159) in the 27-hole event, which was won by Meridian Community College's 463 (316-147). Competition was shortened to nine holes on the second day due to inclement weather.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College finished second at 467 (314-153), followed by Northwest Mississippi (321-147) and Jones Count, (316-152) at 468.

The rest of the scores were as follows: East Mississippi, 482 (330-152); Copiah-Lincoln, 485 (326-159); ECCC; Northeast Mississippi, 493 (332-161); Hinds, 495 (343-152); and Itawamba, 501 (336-165).

Aaron Tucker led the Warriors with rounds of 78 and 40 for a 118 total. Tucker is a product of Leake Central High School.*

Other top scorers were Sawyer Williams (83-39) and Kartlon Ginn (84-38), who tied at 122. Williams is a product of Parkers Chapel High School in Eldorado, Ark, and Ginn hails from Franklinton (La.) High School.

Jonathan Amis, a Newton County High School product, shot 128 (86-42), followed by Taylor York of Choctaw Central, 129 (87-42); Sam Williams of Newton County Academy, 135 (92-43); and Michael Jones of Forest, 138 (95-43).

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EC golf team places fifth in state

East Central Community College's Andrew Joiner fired a one-under par 143 to finish tied for second in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges State Golf Championship held April 18-19 at Lion Hills in Columbus.

Joiner, a product of Spanish Fort (Ala.) High School, shot rounds of 70 and 73.

His performance during the state championship qualified him to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 23 Championship scheduled for April 26-27 at Laurel Country Club. It is hosted by Jones County Junior College. East Central golfer Zack Hammons of Raleigh High School also qualified for the Region 23 Championship based on his scoring average for the year.

As a team, the Warriors finished in fifth place overall at the MACJC State Championship with a two-day total of 19-over par 595 (293, 302). The Warriors stood in third place after the first round on April 18.

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College was

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crowned MACJC State Champions after shooting a six-under par 570 as a team.

Other East Central golfers participating in the state championship included Tristan Hernandez of Carthage and Leake Academy, 149 (74, 75); Hammons, 154 (79, 75); Karlton Ginn of Franklinton (La.) High School, 154 (75, 79); and Nathan Nance of Decatur and Newton County High School. 159 (74, 85).

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Photo courtesy of East Central Community College

These East Central Community College golfers qualified to participate in the NJCAA Regionals May 3-4 at the Wolf Hollow Golf Course at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. From left are Sawyer Williams, a product of Parkers Chapel High School in Eldorado, Ark.; Taylor York of Choctaw Central; and Aaron Tucker of Leake Central. The trio led East Central in the MACJC State Tournament Tuesday and Wednesday at the Pine Burr Golf Club in Wiggins. Tucker was low scorer at 153 (80-73), followed by York, 157 (74-83), and Williams, 159 (79-80). Williams was also named to the MACJC All-State Second Team. Chris Clark serves as the East Central golf coach.

3 ECCC golfers make Regionals

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EC golfers participate in state tourney

East Central Community College's golf team completed the 2014 campaign by participating in the MACJC State Championship held April 22-23, 2014, at the Pine Burr Golf Club in Wiggins.

The Warrior linksters carded a two-day total of 639 (319-320) in the 36-hole competition, won by the Meridian Community College team, which shot 606 (315-291).

MS Gulf Coast finished second at 607 (305-302), followed by Copiah-Lincoln, 609 (312-297); East MS, 611 (316-295); Northwest MS, 615 (311-304); Jones County, 629 (321-308); ECCC; Northeast MS, 640 (319-321); and Itawamba, 655 (330-325).

East Central was led by Aaron Tucker, who carded rounds of 80 and 73 for a 153. Tucker is a product of Leake Central High School.

Taylor York of Choctaw Central shot 157 (74-83) for a 157 total, followed by Sawyer Williams, a product of Parkers Chapel in Eldorado, Ark., at 159 (79-80); Sam Williams of Newton County Academy, 171 (87-84); and Karlton Ginn of Franklinton (La.) High School, 174 (86-88).

Tucker, York and Sawyer Williams qualified to compete in the NJCAA Regionals scheduled May 2-3 at the Wolf Hollow Golf Club at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. Williams was also selected on the MACJC All-State Second Team.

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Warriors finish 6th in MACJC golf tourney

❑ ECCC led by Central alum Tucker

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ECCC golfer qualifies for national tourney

From school reports

East Central Community College sophomore golfer Sawyer Williams has qualified to compete in the NJCAA National Golf Tournament May 20-23 at Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, Ind.

Williams

Williams, a product of Parkers Chapel High School in Eldorado, Ark., earned a berth in the prestigious event based on his season scoring average.

He recorded rounds of 82 and 73 for a 153 total in the Region 23 Tournament this past weekend on the Wolf Hollow Golf Course at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. Williams finished four strokes behind tournament medalist Danny De Los Santos of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in the 36-hole event.

Sophomores Taylor York and Aaron Tucker also represented ECCC in the Region 23 Tournament. York posted scores of 80 and 77 for a 157 total, and Tucker had rounds of 78 and 81 for a 159 total.

York is a product of Choctaw Central, and Tucker hails from Leake Central High School.

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ECCC golfer takes part in NJCAA Division II tourney

From school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College golfer Sawyer Williams finished in the middle of the pack in the 2014 NJCAA Division II Men's Golf National Championship May 20-23 at Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, Ind.

Williams recorded rounds of 77-82-80-77 for a 316 total and finished 63rd in the 128-person field.

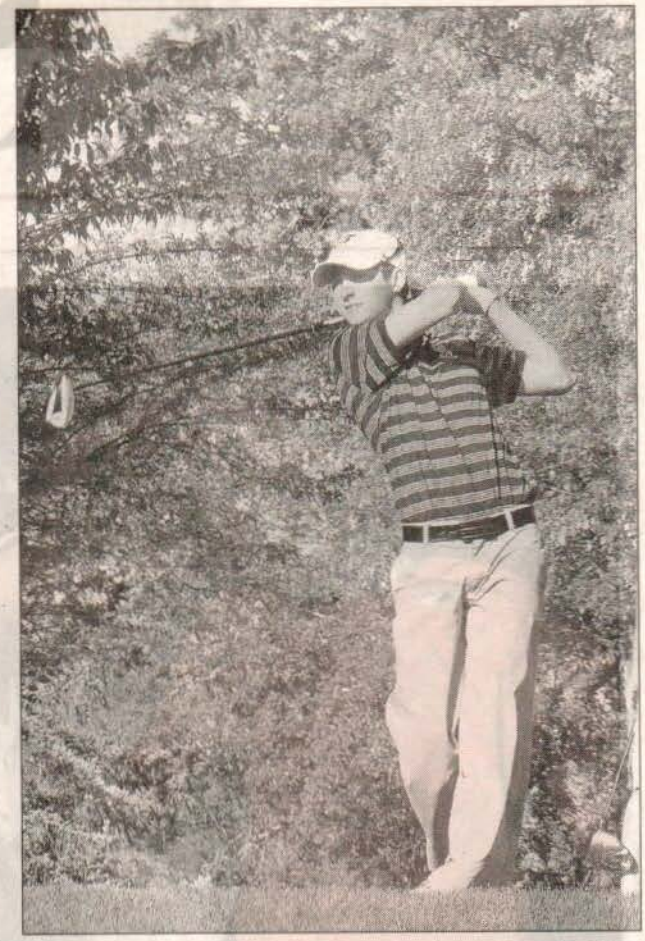
Williams earned a spot in the prestigious tournament based on his season scoring average.

He was earlier selected second-team MACJC All-State and was named the Warrior golf team's most valuable player. In addition, he was also a co-recipient of the Scholar Athlete award.

Williams is a 2014 graduate of ECCC, where he received numerous other honors. He is a product of Parkers Chapel High School in Eldorado, Ark.

ECCC golf coach Chris Clark said he was proud of Williams and everything he accomplished in two years at ECCC.

"I am even more proud of him for being the outstanding young man that he is," Clark said. "East Central Community College could not have had a better representative in the NJCAA National Golf Tournament than Sawyer Williams. We will miss him and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors."



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Sawyer Williams watches one of his drives in the NJCAA Division II golf tournament at Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, Ind.

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ECCC golf awards

East Central Community College golfers Aaron Tucker (left) of Carthage and Sawyer Williams of Eldorado, Ark., were presented honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Tucker and Williams were co-recipients of the Scholar Athlete Award and Williams received Most Valuable Player and second team MACJC All-State honors. Williams also qualified to participate in the NJCAA Division II National Golf Tournament scheduled May 20-23, 2014, at Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, IN. Tucker is a product of Leake Central High School, and Williams hails from Parkers Chapel High School. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and Warrior golf coach Chris Clark presented awards. (EC Photo)

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Brown signs to ECCC

Leake Academy's Wes Brown has signed to play golf with East Central Community College. He is pictured with his brother, seated left, Luke Brown, and, standing from left, Coach Phil Shephard, and Coach Brian Pickens.

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Hernandez signs with ECCC

Special to The Star

Former Leake Academy golf standout Tristan Hernandez, seated left, recently signed to continue his career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown with the new ECCC Warrior are, seated, his mother, Jacqueline Hernandez; standing, Leake Academy golf coach Phil Shepard and athletic director Brian Pickens.

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EC golf classic nets $10,000 in scholarships

From school reports

Golfers representing SouthGroup Cox in Carthage claimed the championship trophy but students are once again the real winners following the 13th annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic held earlier this summer at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, located on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw.

Sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association, the four-person scramble netted $9,850 for student scholarships, according to event coordinator Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations at ECCC in Decatur.

"We want to thank all participants and sponsors for another successful Warrior Golf Classic," said Dr. Hollingsworth. "Net proceeds from the tournament provide much-needed and appreci-

These golfers representing SouthGroup Cox of Carthage claimed top honors in the 13th annual Warrior Golf Classic, sponsored by the East Central Community College Alumni Association. The talented linksters posted an 18-under par 54 on the Oaks Course at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, located on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw. The four-person team includes (from left) Jimmie Bell and Jimmy Brown, both of Carthage; Pat Hardage (fourth from left) of Carthage and Bob Jordan (far right) of Kosciusko, who received the championship award from ECCC President Billy Stewart.

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ated scholarships for very worthy students. We truly appreciate the support received the past 13 years and encourage others to participate in this worthwhile event."

The SouthGroup Cox team posted an 18-under par 54 in the 18-hole event, held on the Oaks Course. Team members include Bob Jordan of Kosciusko, and Pat Hardage, Jimmie Bell and Jimmy Brown, all of Carthage.

Finishing second with a 56 was the Howard Industries team, whose members included Rusty Thoms of Madison, Michael Green of Starkville and Gordon McClokey and Shane Lowrimore, both of Hattiesburg.

Southern Pine Electric Power Association placed third, also with a 56. Team members were Chad Lewis and Jason Mangum, both of Decatur; and Lake Thoms and Hank Thoms, both of Newton.

Also competing in the championship flight were Community Bank (Tim Leitaker of Carthage, Steve Gibson of Forest, and Ray Riley and Gary Jolly, both of Madison), 58; First Financial Bank Team #1 (Brad Ogletree of Carthage and Jerry Bullard, Melissa Jerry and Chris Hegi, all of El Dorado, Arkansas, 58; Polo Custom Products (Casse Carpenter of Ackerman and Chris Covington, Tyler Moffitt and Tanner Long, all of Louisville), 59; and the Chris Harris Team (Dr. Billy Stewart, Chris Harris and Cole Harris, all of Decatur; and Barry Boatner of Meridian), 60.

SECOND FLIGHT

Junction Team # 1 took top honors in the second flight with a 60. Team members included Neil Pettigrew and Ryan Jenkins, both of Philadelphia; Denise Hollingsworth of Forest; and Joey Walters of Union. IN Sports, Inc. (Greg Nowell and Jim Eakes, both of Philadelphia; Wes Kight of Louisville; and Andy Woidtke of Canton) placed second with a 60. Finishing third was Junction Team # 2 (J.B. Ware of Union, Wayne Heilbronner of Kosciusko, Mark Fleming of Philadelphia and Larry Hollingsworth of Forest), with a 61. Also competing in the second flight were First Financial Bank Team #2 (Gayden Bell, Terry Thomas and Van Ray Bowman, all of Carthage; and Steve Cameron of Hot Springs, Arkansas), 62; Milton Walker and Associates, Inc. (Milton Walker, Larry Dale and Jay Ott, all of Brandon; and Haywood Reeves of Forest), 63; Trustmark Bank (Doug Daly, Lance Duncan, Wright Griffis and Justin Webb, all of Philadelphia), 64; and PCA (Melanie Roland and Ken Ricketts, both of Brandon; Donnie Crabtree, Morton; and Steven Tyson, Pearl), 64.

THIRD FLIGHT

Industrial Training Solutions won the third flight with a 65. Team members included Chris Crawford, Ridgeland; Roger Whitlock, Union; and Chris Clark and Joe Barrett, both of Decatur. La-Z-Boy Team #2 (Ronnie Poythress, Meridian; Dustin Yeager and Kevin Rigdon, both of Union; and Troy Simmons, Newton) finished second with a 68. The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia and Neshoba County General Hospital team (Camp Keith, Hickory; Bruce Lee, Louisville; Dale Joyner, Philadelphia; and Johnny Crenshaw, Union) placed third with a 68. Other third flight participants were ESCO Corporation (Trent Floyd, Brandon; Percy Pearson and James Kiker, both of Decatur; and Andy Rowzee, Hickory), 69; Sequel Electrical Supply LLC and ECCC (Duane Ashmore, Collinsville; Artie Foreman, Little Rock; Sean Mowdy, Union; and Tim Pilgrim, Philadelphia), 72; Mississippi Power Company (Eddie Kelly and Kevin Thrash, both of Meridian; and Tommy Jackson, Lauderdale), 72; La-Z-Boy Team # 1 (Danny Simoneau, Louin; Tom Keith and Chris Davis, both of Decatur; and Randy Loper, Rose Hill), 72; and Valley Services, Inc. (Tau Iosia, Meridian; Marty Puckett and Randy Roberts, both of Brandon; and Truman Abbe, Ridgeland;), 73.

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Joins ECCC men's soccer team

Recently welcomed as new members of the East Central Community College men's soccer team for 2014-15 are, seated, from left, midfielders Fredy Gutierrez of Pontotoc, Omar Gutierrez of Mooreville and Abimael Rivera of Saltillo; and standing, defender Durham Norman of Florence and midfielder Carlos Gutierrez of Mooreville. The new Warriors were recognized during an "announcement party" held on the Decatur campus. Kenneth Thompson serves as head coach.

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5 sign soccer scholarships

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Three boys, two girls sign with junior colleges

By Austin Bishop
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It was a big day for the Newton County High School soccer program last Thursday as five athletes — three boys and two girls — signed junior college scholarships.

Cesar Diaz, Kellen Clark and Mikayla May all signed with East Central Community College, while Bryden Reed and Shelby Dearing will be attending Hinds Community College.

While Reed said he always wanted to play soccer in the Jackson Metro area and Dearing said she just wanted to be a tad farther from home, the other three all like the closeness and familiarity of East Central.

"I know coach (Kenneth) Thompson and I just wanted to be close to home," Diaz said. "Everything about East Central is great. I just like the atmosphere."

Clark, who also signed to play with Thompson and the Warriors said the relationship he had developed with Thompson over the years mattered.

"I have always wanted to play soccer on the college level," Clark said. "I was thrilled."

For May, soccer has been a part of her life since she was 5-years-old.

> **I don't know what I would do without soccer. I just love it so much.**
>
> Mikayla May

"I don't know what I would do without soccer," she said. "I just love it so much."

May said she will play wherever she is needed on the field for the Lady Warriors. May, whose mother works at East Central, says she eventually hopes to transfer to MSU Meridian to complete her four-year degree.

Reed grew up playing soccer on a travel squad based out of the Jackson area.

"A couple of my teammates from my travel team are planning on going there (Hinds) too," he said. "It just seems like the right fit for me. I really liked the dorms and everything about it.

"It is away from home, but not too far away," he sad. Reed will also play on the Hinds tennis team.

Dearing was deciding between East Central and Hinds, but when a scholarship came open at HCC, she took that as a sign that it was time to go to Raymond.

"To me, that meant that was where I was supposed to go," she said.

Top left: Pictured are Cathy May, Mikayla May and Michael May. Top right: Pictured are Ella Clark, Kelly Clark, Kellen Clark, Andy Clark, Coach Sam Wilson and Laken Clark. Above left: Pictured are Cesar Diaz, Giovanni Diaz, Cesar Diaz, Angelina Diaz, Coach Sam Wilson and Lucero Diaz. Above right: Pictured are Tracy Dearing, Shelby Dearing, Michael Dearing and Coach Ryan Smith. Above: Pictured are Melesia Reed, Bryden Reed and Chris Reed.

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Signs

ECCC's Vaughn Signs With Delta State

East Central Community College sophomore Jesse Vaughn (third from left), of Decatur is shown signing a national letter of intent to continue his soccer career at Delta State University in Cleveland. A two-year starter for the Warriors, Vaughn was selected an MACJC All-State Defender his freshman season and was named Honorable Mention MACJC All-State as a sophomore. He received the Warriors' Defensive Award both years and was selected to participate in the inaugural MACJC All-Star Soccer Match in 2014. In addition, he was named MACJC Academic All-State and NJCAA Academic All-American. The Newton County High School graduate is the son of Lisa and Scott Vaughn (pictured at left). At right is ECCC men's soccer head coach Kenneth Thompson. (EC Photo)

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Pre-season workouts

The East Central Community College women's soccer team practice on the new synthetic turf at Bailey Stadium in preparation for the 2014 season. The Lady Soccer Warriors start the new season with a 2 p.m. matchup Friday, Aug. 22 at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit. East Central soccer squads will play their first match on the new turf and first home game "under the lights" when they host Copiah-Lincoln Community College Tuesday, Sept. 30 on the Decatur campus. Game times are 5 and 7 p.m. (EC Photo)

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ECCC soccer squads blitz Southwest

from school reports

East Central Community College's soccer squads recorded victories over Southwest Mississippi Community College teams in non-division action Friday on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Warriors cruised to a 4-0 shutout over the visiting Lady Bears and improved to 8-1-1 overall under head coach Gray Massey. The Southwest women fell to 2-10-0.

Allie Turner was top scorer for EC, as the freshman midfielder from Horn Lake tallied three goals and was credited with a scoring assist on Tamia Cavett's goal.

Gabby Stapp was credited with a scoring assist on Turner's first goal, and Katelyn Denton received scoring assists on Turner's final two goals.

The Lady Warriors currently sit atop the MACJC North Division standings with a 3-0-1 record. Northwest is second at 2-0-2.

In men's action, the Warriors held on for a 2-0 decision and evened their record at 5-5-0 under head coach Kenneth Thompson.

Southwest dropped to 2-10-0.

Jacob Johnson and Eliud Alvarez scored for EC. Connor Brennan and Landry Lofton were credited with scoring assists.

The Warriors are 1-3-0 in league play.

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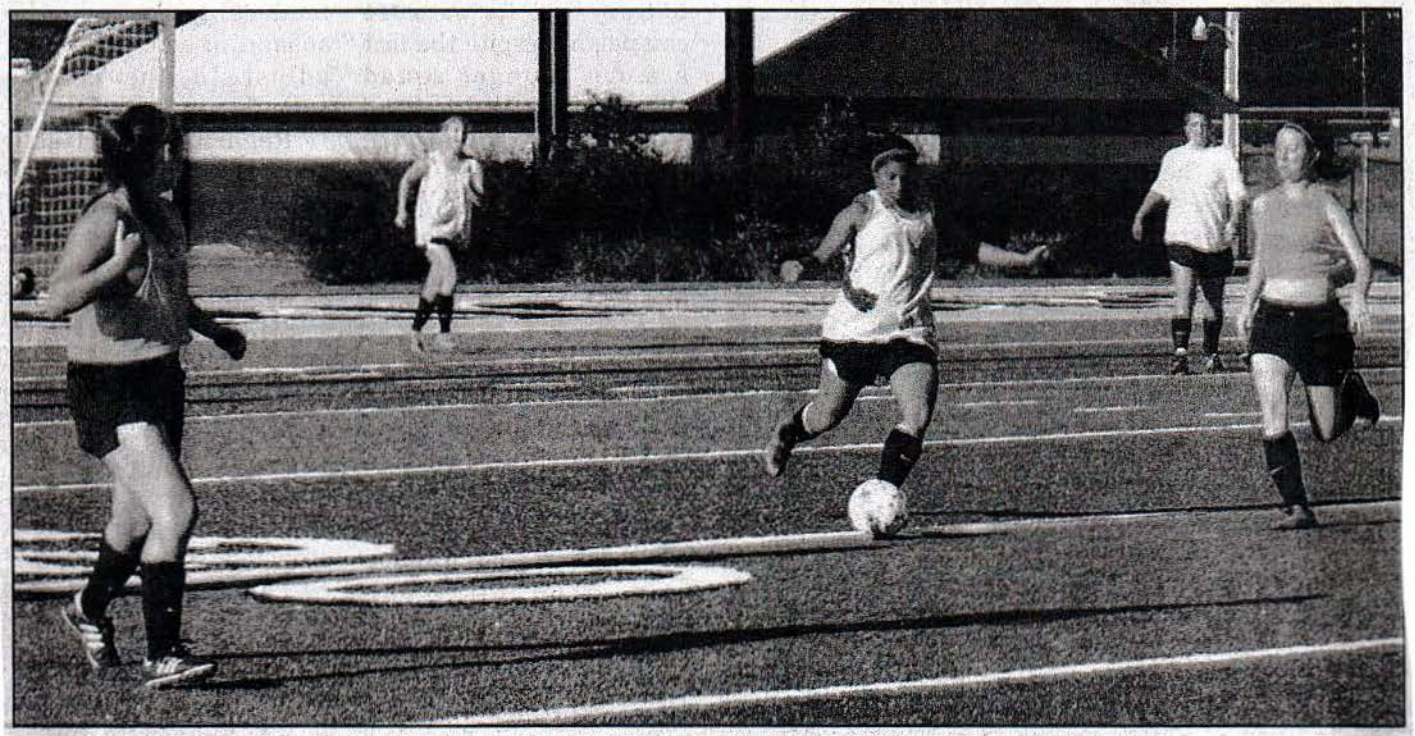

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Expectations run high for squads

Expectations for success remain high for East Central Community College soccer teams as preparations continue for the season opener scheduled Friday, August 22 with Southwest Mississippi Community College.

The women's contest is set for 2 p.m. followed by the men's battle at 4 p.m. on the Summit campus.

The home opener has the Lady Warriors and Warriors hosting Mississippi Gulf Community College. Game times are 3 and 5 p.m.

Under second-year head coach Gray Massey, the Lady Warriors look to improve on last year's 6-10-1 mark.

Despite being a young team with 17 freshmen and just four sophomores, Coach Massey said this year's group has the potential to be 'very special."

"We have a lot of talent on this year's team, but I am even more impressed with the attitude and work ethic of these young women," said Coach Massey, who led Florence High School squads to three state titles prior to his arrival at EC. "There is no doubt in my mind that this group will strive to play the EC Way: Excellence with Class!"

The Lady Warriors will count on last year's leading scorer Ashlan Culberson of Brandon, along with freshmen Carrissa Stevens of Harrison Central, Lacey Field of Lewisburg High School, Tamia Cavett of Jackson Murrah and Addie Ambrosier of Magee, to provide goals.

The midfield will be anchored by Allie Turner of Horn Lake, Megan Yarbrough of Center Hill, Megan Parrish of Pascagoula, Gabby Stapp of West Harrison, Kayla Anderson of Florence, Kaitlyn Blue of South Jones and Katelyn Denton of Lewisburg.

The back line features returnee Tesia Keith of Corinth along with freshmen Dru Elkins of South Jones, Erin Golden of Petal, Christa Breazeale of Harrison Central, Brittany Rasco of Pascagoula, Pashien Kelley-Johnson of West Harrison and Mikayla May of Newton County.

In the goal will be redshirt freshman Alana Walker of Pascagoula and incoming freshman Rachel Davis of Petal.

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On the men's side, longtime head coach Kenneth Thompson said he expects last year's success to carry over for the 2014 campaign, despite the fact a much younger squad will take the field.

The 2013 squad was hampered with injuries throughout the campaign yet managed to finish 8-8-1 overall and 2-5-1 mark in the MACJC North Division.

"The 2013 season was another exciting year of Warrior Soccer, as every single match was a battle to the final whistle," said Thompson, who begins his 16th year at the Warrior helm. "The injury bug took its toll....which affected our scoring potential...but defensively we were still very good all over the field."

For the second-straight year, a Warrior soccer player finished high in Region 23 balloting. Will Thompson placed fourth in the prestigious group, which also qualified the Newton County High School High School product as an NJCAA All-American nominee.

Thompson said this year's lineup includes a lot of new faces, as mostly sophomores saw action in 2013. Neshoba Central.

"These two guys will have to continue providing strong sophomore leadership early in the season as the freshmen adjust to the college game."

Regarding the freshman class, Thompson said recruiting was a "challenge," as many quality players were also recruited by other colleges.

"However, we were able to get many of the players we originally wanted along with some outstanding late-period transfers," he said. "All in all the new players should provide a strong group."

Thompson said he expects to start "four or five" freshmen in the lineup.

Top newcomers include forward/keeper Jacob Johnson of Destrehan (La.) High School, defender Carlos Gutierrez and his brother Omar Gutierrez, both of Tupelo, defender Kellen Clark of Newton County and midfielder Jackson Oliver of Clinton.

"Jacob is an outstanding talent who can really score goals, and we hope he continue his success on the college level," said Thompson. "Omar and Carlos are both highly skilled players who can play the game well and not get rattled under pressure. Kellen is a smart player and will help anchor our new defense, which replaces all four starters. I have known Jackson a long time and have been impressed with his work rate. He always plays the game with a lot of passion."

Thompson also had praise for transfers Tyler Cook (Mississippi College), a defender from Daphne, Ala., and Landry Lofton (Southwest Mississippi Community College), a forward from Pascagoula.

"Both of these players are very talented and will have a large part in our team's success," Thompson said.

In analyzing this year's team, Thompson said fans should expect to see another traditional Warrior squad.

"We will be a highly-fit team that will play every match with emotion for the 90 minutes regardless of the score," he said. "This team also has more depth, so hopefully we can utilize more players without losing any quality of play."

"However, there are several sophomores who contributed heavily or either prepared well in the offseason to be ready to contribute," said Thompson.

Returning starters include midfielder Jordan Alonso of Newton County, defender Dalton Smith of Florence and keeper Matt Sykes of Heritage Academy in Columbus.

"Jordan will play a key part in our ability to control the game," said Thompson. "Dalton spent most of his time last year at forward but this year he will be moving to outside back. His ability to move up the side on the attack as well as defend will help anchor the defense. Matt saw limited action last season but he has put in the work necessary to play at his best. How well he plays will be a key to our success."

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EC soccer teams finding success

From school reports

Winning ways continue for East Central Community College's soccer squads following matchups held , Aug. 26 at Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

The Lady Warriors cruised 7-0 and the Warriors posted a 3-1 decision, as both squads improved to 3-0 on the young season.

Kayla Anderson and Allie Turner each scored twice for the EC women, who are led by second-year head coach Gray Massey.

Anderson and Turner are freshman midfielders and products of Florence and Horn Lake high schools, respectively.

Also scoring were Lacey Field, a freshman forward from Lewisburg, and defender Christa Breazeale and forward Carrissa Stevenson, both products of Harrison Central.

Gabby Stapp was credited with three scoring assists. Stapp is a freshman midfielder from Harrison Central.

Ashlan Culberson and Megan Parrish also contributed a scoring assist. Culberson is a sophomore forward from Brandon, and Parrish is a freshman midfielder from Pascagoula.

In the men's contest, Landry Lofton scored twice and was credited with a scoring assist. Lofton is a sophomore forward from Pascagoula.

Eliud Alvarez also scored for EC and contributed a scoring assist. Alvarez is a sophomore midfielder from Forest.

Jordan Alonso, a sophomore midfielder from Newton County, was also credited with a scoring assist.

The Soccer Warriors are led by longtime head coach Kenneth Thompson.

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Warriors eager to kick-start season

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Members of the 2014 East Central Community College men's soccer team and their respective high schools include (first row, from left) forward Landry Lofton (2), Pascagoula; defenders Hector Ortiz (3), Enterprise, and Kellen Clark (4), Newton County; forwards Cesar Diaz (5), Newton County, and Tim Nix (6), D'Iberville; forward/keeper Jacob Johnson (7), Destrehan (LA); and midfielders Connor Brennan (8), Pearl, Eliud Alvarez (9), Forest, and Jordan Alonso (10), Newton County; (second row, from left) midfielder Chase McNair, Neshoba Central; forward Tyler Aaron (12), Clinton; midfielder Hunter Collins (13), Noxapater; defenders David Williams (14), Newton County, Jamar Simms (15), Pascagoula, and Dalton Smith (16), Florence; midfielder Abimael Rivera, Oxford; and defender Carlos Gutierrez and midfielder Omar Gutierrez, both of Mooreville; and (third row, from left) Gray Massey, assistant coach; managers Teelisa Kennedy of Scott Central and Kaitlin Sellers of South Jones; defenders Jerry Byrd (20), D'Iberville, and Durham Norman (21), Florence; keeper Matt Sykes (1), Heritage Academy; midfielders Jackson Oliver (23), Clinton, and Lazaro Hernandez (25), Forest; managers Nathan Patrick, Enterprise, and Julien Fuentes, Newton County; and Kenneth Thompson, head coach. Not pictured is defender Tyler Cook (22), Daphne (AL)

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Former EC women's soccer players reunite

These former East Central Community College Lady Soccer Warriors participated in "Soccer Alumni Day" held Saturday, Aug. 16 on the Decatur campus, including, kneeling from left, Bailey McElroy, Meridian; Haley Covert, Collinsville; Paige Gower, Meridian; Claire Milling, Meridian; Kennedy Castleberry, Meridian; Kimbo Seale, Gautier; and standing, Mackenzie Britt, Florence; Kristen Pillsbury Tibbetts, Decatur; Marcia Guerreiro, Richland; Kacy Covert Aubic, Collinsville; Skye Tindall, Newton; Chelsey Vincent, Decatur; Jessy Harrison, Little Rock; Brooke White Compton and Sebastion Webb Compton, Purvis; and soccer coach Kenneth Thompson. (EC Photo)

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ECCC get wins in women's soccer

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The winning continued for the East Central Community College women's soccer team following a 3-1 victory over Hinds Community College Tuesday on the Raymond campus.

The Lady Soccer Warriors are now 6-1-1 overall and 2-0-1 in the MACJC North Division competition under second-year head coach Gray Massey.

Freshman midfielder Allie Turner of Horn Lake gave EC a 1-0 lead with her goal in the eighth minute. Sophomore Ashlan Culberson of Brandon was credited with a scoring assist.

Culberson extended the lead to 2-0 with her goal in the 52nd minute. Turner received a scoring assist.

Freshman midfielder Kayla Anderson of Florence tallied an unassisted goal in the 85th minute.

Hailey Claiborne scored the lone goal for Hinds in the 72nd minute.

In the men's contest, the Warriors were edged 2-1 by the homestanding Eagles.

Freshman forward Tyler Aaron of Clinton scored for EC. Freshman midfielder Omar Gutierrez of Mooreville was credited with an assist.

The Warriors are now 4-4 overall and 1-3 in league play under 16th-year head coach Kenneth Thompson.

EC soccer squads host division foe Holmes Community College Friday, Sept. 19, Game times are 2 and 4 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

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ECCC women's soccer wins, boys fall

From school reports

DECATUR — Allie Turner scored two goals to help lead the East Central Community College women's soccer team to a 3-1 victory over Holmes Community College in a key division battle Friday.

The Lady Soccer Warriors improved to 7-1-1 overall and 3-0-1 in MACJC North Division, while the Lady Bulldogs dropped to 4-4-0 and 1-3-0.

Turner is a freshman midfielder from Horn Lake.

Carissa Stevenson and Kayla Anderson were credited with scoring assists on Turner's goals. Stevenson is a freshman forward from Harrison Central, and Anderson is a freshman midfielder from Florence.

Lacey Field also scored for EC. Field is a freshman forward from Lewisburg. Turner was credited with a scoring assist.

Mara Baker scored for Holmes.

In the men's contest, the Warriors jumped out to a 1-0 lead following Tyler Cook's goal in the eighth minute. But the Bulldogs rallied with goals by Alexis Alonso in the 34th minute and Jimmy Doonan in the 49th minute and held on for the division win.

Cook is a sophomore defender from Daphne (Ala.) High School. Jamar Simms and Connor Brennan were credited with scoring assists during Cook's goal. Simms is a freshman defender from Pascagoula and Brennan, a freshman midfielder, hails from Pearl.

The Warriors fell to 4-5-0 and 1-3-0 following the loss. The Bulldogs improved to 4-3-1 and 2-2-0.

Next up for EC squads are matchups with Southwest Mississippi Community College Friday. Game times are 2 and 4 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

The previously scheduled contests with Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Tuesday, Sept. 23, have been cancelled.

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ECCC soccer squads shutout Southwest CC

• Ladies go to 8-1-1; men 3-0-1 in North

East Central Community College's soccer squads recorded victories over Southwest Mississippi Community College teams in non-division action Friday, Sept. 26 on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Warriors cruised to a 4-0 shutout over the visiting Lady Bears and improved to 8-1-1 overall under head coach Gray Massey. The Southwest women fell to 2-10-0.

Allie Turner was top scorer for EC, as the freshman midfielder from Horn Lake tallied three goals and was credited with a scoring assist on Tamia Cavett's goal. Cavett is a freshman forward from Jackson Murrah.

Gabby Stapp was credited with a scoring assist on Turner's first goal, and Katelyn Denton received scoring assists on Turner's final two goals. Stapp is a freshman midfielder from West Harrison High School and Denton is a freshman midfielder from Lewisburg.

The Lady Warriors currently sit atop the MACJC North Division standings with a 3-0-1 record. Northwest is second at 2-0-2.

In men's action, the Warriors held on for a 2-0 decision and evened their record at 5-5-0 under head coach Kenneth Thompson. Southwest dropped to 2-10-0.

Jacob Johnson and Eliud Alvarez scored for EC. Johnson is a freshman forward/keeper from Destrehan (LA) High School, and Alvarez is a sophomore forward from Forest.

Connor Brennan and Landry Lofton were credited with scoring assists. Brennan is a freshman midfielder from Pearl, and Lofton is a sophomore forward from Pascagoula.

The Warriors are 1-3-0 in league play.

EC soccer squads were scheduled host Copiah-Lincoln Community College Tuesday, Sept. 30 in Decatur. The non-division contests will be played for the first time at night at EC and on the new synthetic turf at Bailey Stadium.

Game times are 5 and 7 p.m. for the historic event.

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ECCC Lady Soccer Warriors notch 10th victory

Kayla Anderson scored a pair of goals to lead the East Central Community College women's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over Meridian Community College Friday, Oct. 3 at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus.

Anderson, a freshman midfielder from Florence, connected on her first goal with just 16 seconds into the match. Sophomore forward Ashlan Culberson of Brandon was credited with an assist. Anderson's second goal was unassisted and came at the 35-minute mark.

Gray Massey's Lady Soccer Warriors improved to 10-1-1 following the non-division matchup, while MCC dropped to 5-6-2.

In men's action, EC and MCC battled to 0-0 deadlock in double overtime.

The Soccer Warriors are now 5-5-2 under head coach Kenneth Thompson.

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Warriors stumble in finale

From school reports

Turnovers and missed scoring opportunities were too much to overcome for the East Central Community College Warriors who fell 10-2 in the season finale with Pearl River Community College Thursday night at Bailey Stadium.

EC finished 3-6 overall and 1-5 in the MACJC South Division under second-year head coach Ken Karcher. The Wildcats went 5-4 and 3-6 under second-year head mentor William Jones.

The Warrior defense forced four turnovers during the low-scoring contest, but the offense was unable to take advantage of the opportunities, which included a fumble at the Wildcats' one-yard-line and two missed field goals.

"We have to take advantage when presented with opportunities," said Coach Karcher. "We missed a couple of field goals, and we turned the ball back over to them. You're not going to beat many teams doing that."

Karcher utilized both freshman quarterbacks for the division battle, as Trey Willis directed the offense in the first half and Andrew Dunn took over for the final two quarters. They combined for 57 yards passing on five-of-17 attempts and three interceptions.

"We have young guys in multiple positions," said Karcher. "We have a freshman-laden team. We struggled all year at quarterback with turnovers. You can't do that, and we'll have to get that corrected in the final season. Each quarterback played a half, they are young guys who need to improve, and that's my job."

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ECCC women's soccer advances to playoffs

From school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College's soccer teams completed regular-season action by dropping non-division matchups with Pearl River Community College Friday.

The playoff-bound Lady Warriors were blanked 1-0, and the Warriors fell 5-1.

EC's women posted a program-best 12-3-2 overall mark and finished second in the MACJC North Division with a 5-1-2 record under second-year head coach Gray Massey.

The Lady Warriors begin their first-ever appearance in post-season competition by once again facing the Lady Wildcats (9-4-1), the No. 3 finisher in the South. The historic matchup is set for 6 p.m. today at Bailey Stadium on the Decatur campus.

The winner earns a berth in the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament scheduled Nov. 1-2 (Saturday-Sunday) at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

In the EC/PRC men's game, the Warriors jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a goal by Landry Lofton during first-half action. Lofton is a sophomore forward from Pascagoula. Sophomore midfielder Jordan Alonso was credited with a scoring assist. Alonso is a product of Newton County High School.

The top-seeded Wildcats rallied for five goals and improved to 10-4-1 prior to the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament.

EC's Warriors finished 5-10-2 overall and 1-7 in league play under head coach Kenneth Thompson.

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WEEK OF Nov. 2, 2014

EC women's soccer wraps historic run

The most successful women's soccer season in school history came to an end for the East Central Community College squad following a 4-0 loss to Pearl River Community College in playoff action held Tuesday, Oct. 28 at Bailey Stadium on Decatur campus.

The Lady Soccer Warriors qualified for the post-season after finishing second in the MACJC North Division with a 5-1-2 mark. Lady Wildcats were the third seed in the South at 6-3-1.

With the victory, Pearl River advanced to the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament scheduled Nov. 1-2 at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville. The Lady Bobcats won the South Division with a 10-0-0 mark. Hinds (North # 1) and Northwest (North # 3) complete the field in the women's bracket.

EC, which posted a 12-4-2 overall record under head coach Gray Massey, recorded its best campaign since the program's inception in 2005.

"This year was a fantastic season for our program," said Massey. "I am very proud of what these girls were able to accomplish. However, the bar has definitely been raised and we are already looking forward to having an even better season in 2015!"

The talented squad featured several players who finished among the scores in the league.

Allie Turner recorded 12 goals and five assists for a total 29 points. Turner is a freshman midfielder from Horn Lake.

Ashlan Culberson registered nine goals, four assists and 22 points. Cumberland is a sophomore forward from Brandon.

Tamia Cavett posted six goals and 12 points. Cavett is a freshman forward from Murrah High School in Jackson.

The Lady Soccer Warriors will be recognized along with other student-athletes at the 2014 ECCC Fall Sports Award Banquet scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 2. Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

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ECCC SOCCER AWARD BANQUET

Photo courtesy of East Central Community College

These women's soccer players received honors at the annual Fall Sports Awards Banquet at East Central Community College in Decatur. Award winners and their respective high schools include, seated from left, midfielder Allie Turner of Horn Lake, Golden Boot Award, team most valuable player and MACJC All-State; midfielder Megan Yarbrough of Center Hill, hustle award; and forward Ashlan Culberson of Brandon, academic and team captain awards, MACJC All-State and MACJC All-Star; and, standing from left, defender Pashien Kelley-Johnson of West Harrison, defense award; goalkeeper Alana Walker of Pascagoula, MACJC All-State; defender Mikayla May of Newton County, Warrior Award; and defender Tesia Keith of Corinth, MACJC All-S

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WEEK OF Dec. 7, 2014

ECCC Men's Soccer Award Recipients

These outstanding men's soccer players received honors at the annual Fall Sports Awards Banquet held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Award winners and their respective high schools include (seated from left) midfielder Jordan Alonso of Newton County, Warrior Award; keeper Matt Sykes of Heritage Academy, MACJC All-Star and honorable mention MACJC All-State; and midfielder Jackson Oliver of Clinton, hustle award; and (standing from left) defender Tyler Cook of Daphne (Ala.), defense award, team most valuable player, MACJC All-State and MACJC All-Star; midfielder Eliud Alvarez of Forest, Golden Boot Award, team captain award and MACJC All-Star; defender Dalton Smith of Florence, academic and team captain awards, and MACJC All-Star; and defender Kellen Clark of Newton County, honorable mention MACJC All-State. Not pictured is forward/keeper Jacob Johnson of Destrehan (La.), honorable mention MACJC All-State. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and men's head soccer coach Kenneth Thompson presented awards. (EC Photo)

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Local soccer player wins ECCC award

Outstanding men's soccer players received honors at the annual Fall Sports Awards Banquet held at East Central Community College. Among them was midfielder Eliud Alvarez of Forest who received the Golden Boot Award, team captain award and MACJC All-Star. President Dr. Billy Stewart and soccer coach Kenneth Thompson presented the awards.

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ECCC softball season starts Thursday

From school reports

After reaching the MACJC State Tournament semi-finals and advancing to Region 23 Tournament competition in 2013, East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team is preparing for even greater success in 2014, according to second-year head coach Kristin Chaney.

The first "test" of the new season begins Thursday, Feb. 6, when the Lady Warriors battle rival East Mississippi Community College in doubleheader action beginning at 3 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

Chaney, whose first Lady Diamond Warrior squad finished at 31-17, said she learned "a lot" during her initial season leading the longtime successful softball program following four years as assistant to Scott Hill. She hopes to parlay that experience into a championship campaign.

"I learned that all players are different....and tried to find out more about each one as a person, and not just as a player," said Chaney, who garnered NJCAA All-American honors as a Lady Diamond Warrior. "I also learned that players appreciate being cared about not only as an athlete but as a person in general."

Chaney said she was pleased with the 2013 squad and its success.

"I feel like last year's squad met our expectations," Chaney said. "We had some bumps in the road but overall it was a good year. We made it to the semifinals of the state championship and lost a close contest to eventual champion (LSU-Eunice) in the region tournament. That is all I ask of my teams, is to have a chance to win at the end."

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"The fall season was a success because we got to know each other better," she said. "I was also able to notice our strengths and weaknesses and determine which player excels at different spots on the field or in the lineup. We worked extremely hard and got better throughout the fall."

In describing the 2014 Lady Diamond Warriors, Chaney said a "winning attitude" and "competitive spirit" are most applicable.

"I like the fact that this team believes they can beat anybody," she said. "The players know what to expect from me and I know what to expect from them. We have energy every day and that is something I am huge on. Also, this team knows how to make improvements without me saying a word. I think that goes back to the fact that the sophomores who played for me last year know what I expect from them."

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She said the strength of this year's team is its competitiveness.

"Nobody on this team wants anybody to outdo them....which is a plus because that means they will do whatever it takes to make sure they are better than the opposition," Chaney said. "Team speed is also a strong point...and we should be able to score runs to help our defense and pitching staff."

The top returnee from last year is first baseman Ty Buckley of Philadelphia, who received All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State honors and was recognized as an NJCAA All-American nominee. She also received the Lady Diamond Warriors' most valuable player award.

ECCC Photo

The 2014 softball coaching staff at East Central Community College includes, from left: Assistant coaches Courtney Nunn and Kacie Buckley and head coach Kristin Chaney. The Lady Warriors host East Mississippi today in a season-opening doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

The Neshoba Central High School product led the Lady Diamond Warriors with a .397 batting average. She belted six home runs, seven triples, 12 doubles and was credited with 36 RBIs.

Other returnees and their respective high schools include infielder/pitcher Amber McBroom, Brandon; infielders Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale and Haley Stephens of Union; outfielder Morgan Porter of Enterprise; and utility player Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville. Hopkins saw limited action at the plate but made the most of her eight appearances by collecting six hits for a .750 batting average. She also received the base stealing award in 2013.

Another sophomore is first-year player Kendra Wilson, a pitcher from South Lamar High School in Millport, Ala.

Freshmen and their respective high schools include infielder/pitcher Megan Robinson, Nanih Waiya; Skyler Simmons, a product of Bob Jones High School in Madison, Ala.; utility players Mallory Tuner of West Lauderdale, Nikki Triplett of Forest, Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, Christen Benson of Brookhaven and Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar HS, Kennedy, Ala.; and pitcher/infielder Makayla Kelly, Nederland (Texas) High School.

Fans who attend Lady Warrior home games will not only see another talented squad take the field, but will no doubt notice the many improvements at the softball complex. A new locker room is near completion, the brick wall around the concession stand was fenced in with raw iron for a more "professional" look, and a new Warrior head logo was constructed and placed on the concession stand facing the field.

"I am very pleased with all the improvements," Chaney said. "When our new locker room is finished, I know our players will take pride in something being completely ours. The new facility will also help in the recruiting process. All the improvements will further enhance the looks of the field."

Plans are also under way to eventually construct brick bull pens on the home and visitor sides of the field.

Serving on Coach Chaney's staff is second-year assistant Courtney Nunn and first-year volunteer assistant Kacie Buckley, a former Lady Warrior standout.

Student managers are Tanner Dalton and Hunter Luke, both of Nanih Waiya; and Kennan Hodges of Durant.

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East Mississippi Community College's Pepper Baker and Kristen Mitchell try to stop a hard hit ball through the infield by an East Central Community College batter on Thursday.

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Cold blooded

Lady Warriors open season with sweep

From Staff reports

The temperatures may have been cold on Thursday but the East Central Community College Lady Warriors had a warm feeling when they left the field.

The Lady Warriors started off the 2014 softball season with a doubleheader sweep of East Mississippi, taking game one 10-3 and blanking the Lady Lions 8-0 in the nightcap.

"It was cold but it was a good start," ECCC softball coach Kristen Chaney said. "I thought our girls played extremely well. You really don't know how you are going to respond until you play somebody else but I thought we played well in all three aspects of the game, pitching, hitting and defense."

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Wilson got the start for the Lady Warriors and pitched a complete game, giving up five hits in seven innings of work. Wilson started out a bit shaky, hitting the first batter then throwing a pair of wild pitches that allowed EMCC to take an early 1-0 lead.

"Kendra is a transfer from Scooba so she was really pumped," Chaney said. "You could see she was really excited but she settled down after that first inning and didn't allow another run until the fifth inning. She has had some arm problems and has struggled in intrasquad games but I thought she threw a lot of strikes today and when you do that, you are going to do well."

After falling behind 1-0, the Lady Warriors responded with two in the first and then added six in the fourth and two in the sixth to take control of the contest.

Hayley Stephens led the Lady Warriors at the plate, going 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBIs.

Lindsey Beard added a double for the Lady Warriors.

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East Central Community College's Morgan Porter slides in safe at home against East Mississippi Community College's Abby Roberts Thursday in Decatur.

In the second contest, the Lady Warriors banged out nine hits and blanked the Lady Lions to start the season with a doubleheader sweep.

"I thought we put the ball in play and put some pressure on them in the cold weather," Chaney said. "I thought we hit the ball a lot better in the second game but we've still got a ways to go on that end. We had a couple of defensive miscues that we need to clean up but overall I'm very pleased to open the season with a pair of wins."

After two scoreless innings to open the second contest, East Central exploded with six runs in the third inning and two more in the fourth.

Morgan Porter and Karoline Holsonback had two hits apiece to lead the Lady Warriors. Holsonback knocked in three runs while Skyler Simmons had a pair of RBIs.

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LA's Thaggard bound for ECCC

Leake Academy softball standout Chloe Thaggard, seated, accepted a scholarship offer from East Central Community College to continue her career at the next level on Wednesday, Feb. 6. The ace pitcher was joined, from left, by her parents, Toby and Lynn Thaggard, Rebelettes head coach Doug Jones and assistant coach Phil Shepard.

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Buckley leads ECCC to doubleheader sweep

Winning ways continue for East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team following a double-header sweep of Alabama Southern Community College Saturday on the Monroeville, Ala., campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors claimed an 8-0 shutout in the opener and followed with a 7-2 decision in the nightcap to improve to 4-0 under second-year head coach Kristin Chaney.

Ty Buckley belted two home runs, a single and collected four RBIs in leading EC's offense in the opener. She also scored four runs. Buckley, a sophomore infielder, is a product of Neshoba Central High School.

Other hitters were Morgan Porter of Enterprise, double and single; and Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale, Hayley Stephens of Union, Skyler Simmons, a product of Bob Jones High School in Madison, Ala., Karoline Holsonba[illegible], of South Lamar High School in Kennedy, Ala., and Makayla Kelly, of Nederland (Texas) High School, singles each. Beard, Stephens and Kelly were also credited with an RBI each.

Kendra Wilson went the distance on the mound to earn the victory. She allowed four hits, fanned three batters and walked four in the six-inning matchup.

In the second contest, Buckley blasted a two-run homer in helping lead the offense.

Other sluggers were Porter, triple and single; Kelly, double and single; Stephens, two singles; and Turner, Beard and Simmons, singles each. Turner and Holsonback were also credited with an RBI each.

Kelly went the distance on the mound to claim the victory. She allowed seven hits and fanned five in the seven-inning battle.

Next up for the Lady Diamond Warriors is a double header with Marion Militar[illegible] scheduled Thursday. Game times are 1 and 3 p.m. on the Marion, Ala., campus. The non-division matchups were originally scheduled for Feb. 11 but were moved to Thursday due to the weather.

East Central hosts Mississippi Delta Community College Friday, Feb. 14. Doubleheader action begins at 2 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

Special recognition was given to the late Bobby Addy of Decatur during pre-game activities of East Central Community College's softball season opener held Thursday, Feb. 6 on the Decatur campus. Family members of the longtime Lady Warrior softball program and ECCC supporter are shown following the ceremony. From left are former Lady Diamond Warrior Lindsey Blount (granddaughter), who delivered the ceremonial first pitch and her husband, Jody Blount; Pat Addy (Bobby's widow); son, David Addy and daughter, Brooks Stevens, who are shown with Kristin Chaney, ECCC head softball coach. "Mr. Bobby attended every home game," said Coach Chaney. "He was either grilling hamburgers or sausage dogs, or handing out gu[illegible] to players. Mr. Bobby will al[illegible] ways be remembered...and he will always be part of the [illegible]

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ECCC Softball squad sweeps MS Delta

East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball squad improved to 6-0 on the young season following a doubleheader sweep of Mississippi Delta Community College Friday, Feb. 14 on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors cruised 16-0 in the opener and posted an 8-0 shutout in the nightcap.

Lindsey Beard had two extra-base hits to lead EC's offense in the first contest, as the Clarkdale High School product doubled in the second inning and homered in the third. She finished with two RBIs and scored four runs.

Also having multiple hits were Morgan Porter of Enterprise and Karoline Holsonback, a product of South Lamar High School in Kennedy, Ala., double and single each; and Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville and Ty Buckley of Neshoba Central, two singles each.

Porter led in RBIs with four. Turner and Buckley knocked in two runs each and Hopkins was credited with an RBI.

Other hitters were Hayley Stephens of Union and Christen Benson of Brookhaven, who each contributed a single. Stephens also knocked in two runs.

Amber McBroom of Brandon was credited with an RBI.

Hurlers Kendra Wilson and Megan Robinson were superb on the mound, as they combined efforts to register a no-hitter.

Starter Wilson went three innings and fanned seven batters. She also walked a batter. Wilson is a product of South Lamar High School in Millport, Ala.

Robinson pitched the final two innings. She is a product of Nanih Waiya High School.

In the second contest, it was again all East Central as the Lady Diamond Warriors jumped out to a six-run lead after three innings.

Porter homered and singled to lead the offensive attack.

Also recording multiple hits were Buckley, double and single; and Turner and Hopkins, two singles each. Buckley led in RBIs with three.

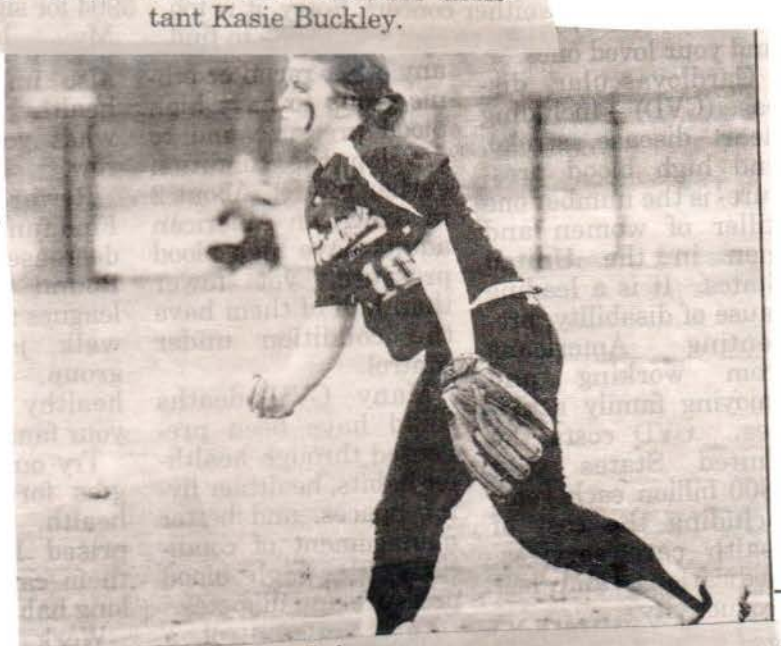
McBroom and Stephens each pounded doubles. Stephens was also credited with an RBI.

Other hitters were Holsonback and Benson, who each singled and registered an RBI.

Hurler Makayla Kelly went the distance in the five-inning battle. She fanned three batters while recording the shut out. She is a product of Nederland (Texas) High School.

The Lady Diamond Warriors host Marion Military Monday, Feb. 17. Game times are 1 and 3 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

EC's softball program is led by head coach Kristin Chaney, assistant Courtney Nunn and volunteer assistant Kasie Buckley.



Robinson Shuts Down Lady Trojans

Freshman hurler Megan Robinson (10) delivers a pitch during East Central Community College's 16-0 thrashing of Mississippi Delta Community College during the first of two shut outs Friday, Feb. 14 on the Decatur campus. Robinson hurled two innings in relief and combined talents with starter Kendra Wilson to post a no-hitter. Robinson is a product of Nanih Waiya High School and Wilson hails from South Lamar High School in Millport, Ala. EC completed the doubleheader sweep with an 8-0 decision in the nightcap. The Lady Diamond Warriors improved to 6-0 following the non-division battles. (EC Photo)

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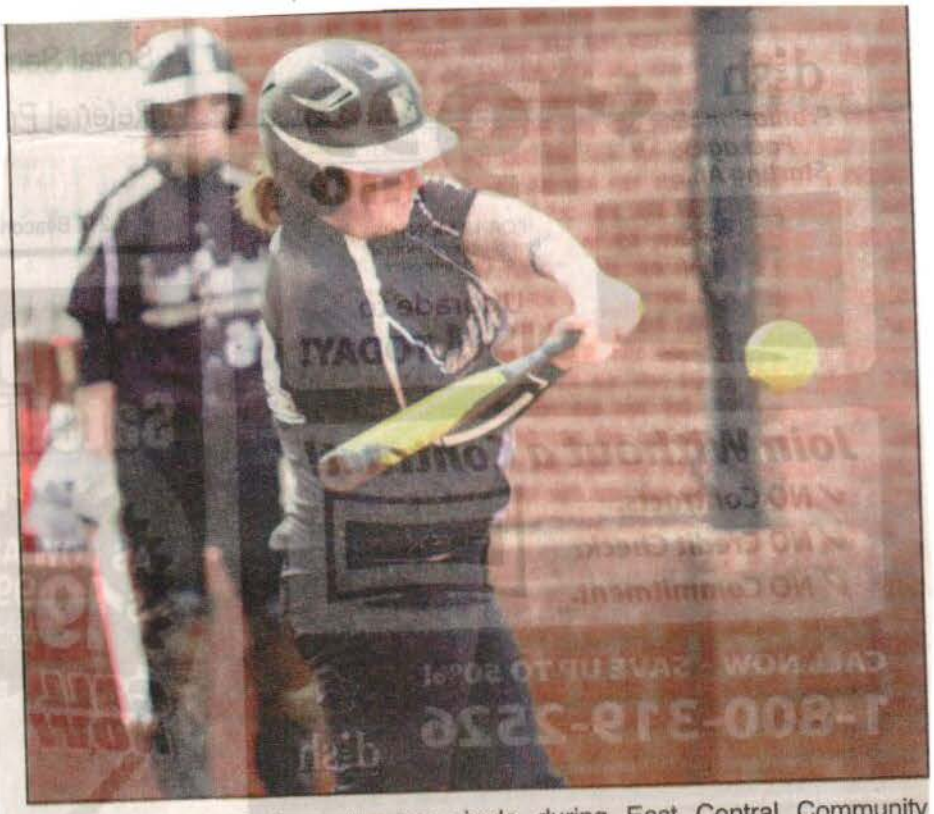

Haley Stephens belts a two-run single during East Central Community College's 16-0 thumping over Mississippi Delta Community College Friday. Stephens, a sophomore infielder from Union, singled and knocked in a run during EC's 8-0 victory in the nightcap.

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Buckley joins ECCC softball staff

Kasie Buckley is serving as a volunteer assistant softball coach at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Buckley was a standout member of the 2010 and 2011 ECCC fast-pitch softball squads, led by former head coach Scott Hill and current head mentor Kristin Chaney who served as an assistant coach.

Buckley, an infielder/pitcher, helped lead the 2010 Lady Diamond Warriors to the program's first Region 23 Tournament title and a fourth-place finish in the NJCAA Division II Softball National Tournament en route to a record 47 wins and just 11 losses.

She was chosen on the 12-member NJCAA All-American squad as a utility player and also received most valuable player honors following the national competition held in Normal, Illinois, during which EC captured three of five matchups in the double-elimination event.

During tournament action, Buckley posted a .636 batting average and belted three home runs, a double and three singles. She was also credited with seven RBIs.

Buckley received All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State honors in recognition of her outstanding season. She completed season action with a .475 batting average, 10 home runs, three triples, 21 doubles and 55 RBIs. She also posted a 16-3 record on the mound and posted a 2.30 earned run average.

Buckley also helped lead the 2011 Lady Diamond Warriors to the program's first MACJC State Championship. The talented group also finished Region 23 Tournament runners-up and tied for fifth in the NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship en route to a 37-15 record.

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Family and school officials were on hand Thursday morning as Cayla Myers signed a softball scholarship to play softball at East Central Community College in Decatur. Cayla, seated front middle with parents Teressa Myers and Jeff Myers, a Forest resident. Back, from left, Pam Wallace, Linda Hall, Tyler Myers, MHS Principal Bo Huffman, Coach Chase Jones, Coach Megan Keyes and Brenda Seligson.

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ECCC softball splits with Holmes CC in doubleheader

from school reports

DECATUR — After cruising to a 5-0 decision in the opener, East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball squad was edged 2-1 in the nightcap of a non-division doubleheader with Holmes Community College Wednesday.

Ty Buckley belted two doubles and collected two RBIs to lead the offense in the first game.

Haley Stephens also recorded multiple hits, collecting two singles.

Kendra Wilson went the distance to record the shutout victory. She allowed two hits, fanned six batters and walked two in the seven-inning battle.

In the second game, Kelly homered for the Lady Diamond Warriors' lone run. *

Morgan Porter tallied two doubles, and Karoline Holsonback had two singles.

Kelly took the loss despite not allowing an earned run. She gave up six hits and fanned a batter.

The Lady Diamond Warriors (7-1) will host Alabama Southern at 3 and 5 p.m. Monday.

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ECCC fast-pitch softball

Pictured are members of the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team for the 2014 campaign. Pictured are (first row, from left) outfielder Skyler Simmons (2), a product of Bob Jones High School, Madison, Ala.; infielder/pitcher Amber McBroom (3), Brandon: pitcher Kendra Wilson (5), South Lamar High School, Millport, Ala.; infielder/pitcher Kaylin Hopkins (8), Louisville; infielder/pitcher Megan Robinson (10), Nanih Waiya; utility players Mallory Turner (11) of West Lauderdale and Nikki Triplett (12) of Forest; and pitcher/infielder Makalya Kelly (14), Nederland (Texas) High School; (second row, from left) infielder Lindsey Beard (17), Clarkdale; outfielder Morgan Porter (19), Enterprise; utility players Christen Benson (20) of Brookhaven, Anna Katherine Nowell (21) of Leake Academy and Karoline Holsonback (22), South Lamar High School, Kennedy, Ala.; and infielders Ty Buckley (23) of Neshoba Central and Hayley Stephens (24) of Union; and (back row, from left) managers Tanner Dalton of Nanih Waiya, Keenan Hodges of Durant and Hunter Luke of Nanih Waiya; Kacie Buckley, volunteer assistant; Courtney Nunn, assistant coach; and Kristin Chaney, head coach.

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EC Softball squad earns second sweep

From press reports

East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team recorded its second doubleheader sweep of Alabama Southern in 2014 by posting a 4-1 win in the opener followed by a 10-1 thumping in the nightcap Monday, Feb. 24 on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors improved to 11-1 under head coach Kristin Chaney, assistant Courtney Nunn and volunteer assistant Kasie Buckley following the non-division contests.

In the first game, Ty Buckley and Lindsey Beard each had solo home runs to lead the EC offense. Beard also contributed a single.

Buckley is a product of Neshoba Central High School. Beard is a graduate of Clarkdale High School.

Other EC hitters were Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, double; and Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, single.

Kendra Wilson went the distance to record the win. The sophomore hurler allowed no earned runs and four hits in the seven-inning matchup. She also fanned three batters and walked one. Wilson is a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School.

The second contest was called after five innings.

EC hitters were Turner, two singles; Beard, Morgan Porter of Enterprise and Amber McBroom of Brandon, singles each.

Beard and McBroom led in RBIs with two each. Hayley Stephens of Union and Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar (Ala.) High School were credited with an RBI each.

Makayla Kelly picked up the win, as the Nederland (Texas) High School product allowed one run on five hits. She also fanned a batter.

The Lady Diamond Warriors travel to Gadsden State Community College for a twin bill scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 25, beginning at 1 p.m. on the Gadsden, Ala., campus.

Winston County 'Lady Diamond Warriors'

These student-athletes from Winston County are members of the 2014 East Central Commu College fast-pitch softball team. From left are sophomore utility player Kaylin Hopkins (8) and infi er/pitcher Megan Robinson (10), both of Louisville. Hopkins is a product of Louisville High School Robinson hails from Nanih Waiya. The Lady Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Kristin Char assistant coach Courtney Nunn and volunteer assistant Kasie Buckley. ECCC is located in Decat

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East Central falls in division opener

From school reports

Division action began on a disappointing note for East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball squad, which dropped a twin bill to Jones County Junior College Saturday, March 1 on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors (12-4, 0-2) were outscored 14-5 in the opener and fell 14-7 in the second contest to the No. 15 Lady Bobcats (15-0, 2-0).

Ty Buckley belted a three-run homer and Lindsey Beard blasted a two-run dinger to lead ECCC's offense in the first game.

Buckley is a product of Neshoba Central High School and Beard hails from Clarkdale High School.

Other ECCC hitters were Hayley Stephens of Union, double; and Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale and Morgan Porter of Enterprise, singles each. Turner scored twice and Porter tallied once.

Kendra Wilson took the loss in the six-inning matchup. She allowed eight earned runs on 13 hits. She fanned four batters and walked eight. Wilson is a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School.

In the second contest, Buckley and Beard each homered to again lead the offense. Buckley belted a two-run shot in the sixth inning and Beard sent a solo shot over the wall in the second inning. Beard also doubled and singled.

Anna Katherine Nowell also had a productive outing at the plate, as the Leake Academy product belted two singles and collected two RBIs.

Other hitters were Turner, Stephens, Amber McBroom of Brandon and Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, singles each.

Porter was credited with an RBI.

Runs were scored by Beard (2), Nikki Triplett (2) of Forest, McBroom, Porter and Buckley.

Makayla Kelly recorded the loss in the seven-inning battle. Kelly allowed 11 earned runs on 14 hits. She fanned one batter and walked three. Kelly is a product of Nederland (Texas) High School.

The Lady Diamond Warriors continue MACJC South Division competition by traveling to Meridian Community College Wednesday, March 5. Doubleheader action gets under way at 2 p.m. on the Meridian campus. (Games were previously scheduled for Tuesday, March 4.)

ECCC battles division foe Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Friday, March 7, beginning at 2 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

ECCC's softball program is led by head coach Kristin Chaney and assistants Courtney Nunn and Kasie Buckley.

Neshoba County 'Lady Diamond Warriors'

These student-athletes from Neshoba County are members of the 2014 East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team. From left are utility player Anna Katherine Nowell (2) and first baseman Ty Buckley (23), both of Philadelphia. Nowell is a graduate of Leake Academy and Buckley is a product of Neshoba Central High School.

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ECCC softball sweeps MCC

East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team cruised to a pair of victories over rival Meridian Community College in MACJC South Division action Wednesday, March 5 on the MCC campus.

A seven-run sixth inning led to a 12-3 victory in the first contest, and Haley Stephen's two home runs helped provide a 13-0 shutout in the nightcap.

The Lady Diamond Warriors improved to 16-4 overall and 2-2 in league play following the sweep.

In the first contest, several EC players were credited with multiple hits.

Stephens belted a double and a single and was the top run producer with three RBIs. She also scored two runs. Stephens is a sophomore infielder from Union.

Ty Buckley slapped two singles and scored three runs. Buckley is a product of Neshoba Central High School.

Other hitters were Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale, double and two RBIs; Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, single and RBI; and Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, single. Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy was credited with an RBI.

Also scoring runs were Beard (2), Hopkins, Morgan Porter (2) of Enterprise and Amber McBroom of Brandon.

Kendra Wilson picked up the win. She allowed three runs on four hits over 3 2/3 innings. She also fanned five batters and walked five.

Wilson is a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School.

In the nightcap, EC jumped out to an early 7-0 lead and coasted to victory after five innings.

Stephens's home runs came in the fourth and fifth innings. She also singled, scored three runs and collected three RBIs.

Beard also homered in the fifth inning.

She was also credited with two singles and was the top run producer with four RBIs. She also scored three runs.

Other sluggers were Turner, double and two singles; Buckley, two doubles and three RBIs; Porter, double; Holsonback, two singles and RBI; and McBroom, single.

Makayla Kell[illegible] picked up the win. She allowed just four hits and fanned a batter in the five-inning shutout.

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East Central Community College's Mallory Turner reaches first on a bunt as the ball is thrown wide to Meridian Community College's Shelby Peavey Wednesday.

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Lady Warriors earn sweep

ECCC bats come alive in 12-3, 13-0 wins against MCC

Reed DeSalvo
The Meridian Star

MERIDIAN — Hayley Stephens reached base safely six times and drove in eight runs, including two home runs in Game 2, to lead East Central Community College to a doubleheader sweep over Meridian Community College, 12-3 and 13-0, Wednesday at Tommy McDonald Field.

In the first game, a three-run fifth inning, powered by Stephens' three-run double, propelled the Lady Warriors (16-4, 2-2) to victory. Stepehens added two more RBI's in the sixth with a sharp single up the middle that plated Ty Buckley and Lindsey Beard.

"(In previous games), I've been swinging too hard and trying to do too much," Stephens said. "(Today), I just was staying through the ball more."

East Central head coach Kristin Chaney was ejected in the fourth inning after relief pitcher Makayla Kelly was penalized a ball for "excessive warm-up pitches." The ejection ignited a spark into the Lady Warriors, who were trailing 3-2.

"(Chaney) definitely got us pumped up," Stephens said. "She got us ready to fight."

Meridian (0-13, 0-4) stranded eight runners, including leaving the bases loaded in the third.

The Lady Eagles had jumped out to a 3-2 advantage with a run in the first inning and two in the fourth.

"Our struggles this season has been finishing," Meridian coach Faith Robinson said. "Today, we just lost it. We let a couple of errors start a train wreck.

"We have to keep fighting and learn how to finish ball games."

In the first, consecutive walks to Miranda Crenshaw and Chelsea Moore gave Meridian the scoring opportunity, and Paige Gipson capitalized with a double to right that plated Crenshaw.

In the the fourth, Montana Holyfield scored on Casy Bolton's single, and Paige Bowser came home on Crenshaw's bases-loaded walk.

In Game 2, the Lady Warriors smashed three home runs, including a three-run shot by Beard en route to their 13-0 win.

The 30-minute intermission between games did little to cool down the hot swinging bats of East Central, as the Lady Warriors scored four runs in the opening frame.

Buckley, Beard and Karoline Holsonback each had run-scoring base-hits. Stephens came around to score following a Meridian fielding error in the inning.

"We just told them not to relax and not to let up," East Central assistant coach Courtney Nunn said.

EC addd to their total in the second after Buckley smacked a double down the left field line that scored Mallory Turner and Morgan Parker. Buckley eventually came around to score on Holsonback's sacrifice-fly.

Following Stephens' two-run homer in the fourth, the Lady Warriors tacked on four more runs in the fifth when Beard smashed her three-run homer over the left-center wall. Two pitches later, Stephens deposited her second homer over the same fence.

"I was just seeing (the ball) well," Stephens said.

East Central hosts Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Friday, while Meridian squares off against Pearl River Community College.

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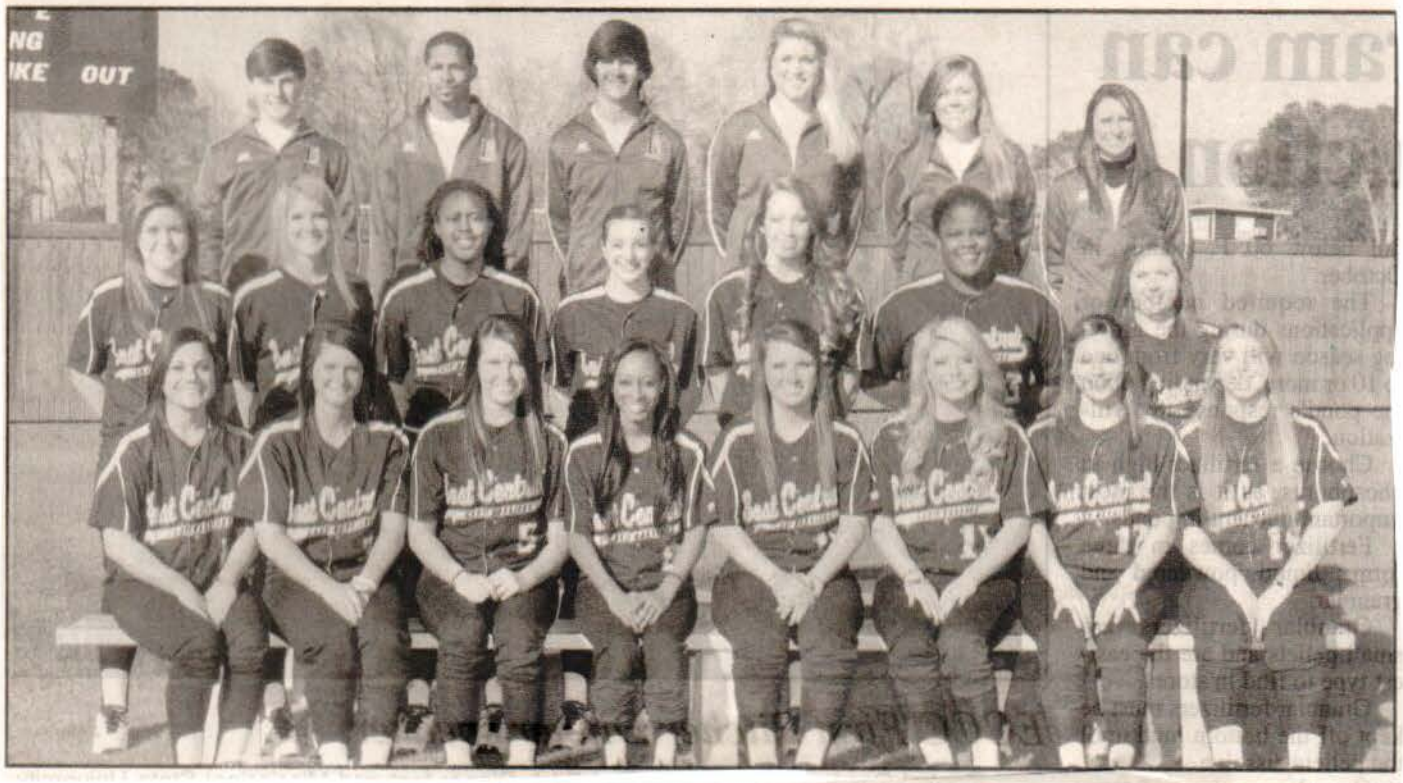

ady Warrior Softball Team

members of the East Central Community College softball team for the 2014 campaign. Pictured are from left, outfielder Skyler Simmons (2), a product ones High School, Madison, Ala.; infielder/pitcher /cBroom (3), Brandon: pitcher Kendra Wilson (5), amar High School, Millport, Ala.; infielder/pitcher Hopkins (8), Louisville; infielder/pitcher Megan n (10), Nanih Waiya; utility players Mallory Turner West Lauderdale and Nikki Triplett (12) of Forest; her/infielder Makalya Kelly (14), Nederland (Texas) chool; second row, infielder Lindsey Beard (17), le; outfielder Morgan Porter (19), Enterprise; utility Christen Benson (20) of Brookhaven, Anna e Nowell (21) of Leake Academy and Karoline ack (22), South Lamar High School, Kennedy, Ala.; elders Ty Buckley (23) of Neshoba Central and Stephens (24) of Union; and back row, managers Dalton of Nanih Waiya, Keenan Hodges of Durant nter Luke of Nanih Waiya; Kacie Buckley, volunteer it; Courtney Nunn, assistant coach; and Kristin , head coach. (EC Photo)

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Diamond Warriors sweep Gulf Coast

The Diamond Warriors registered 11-7 and 3-1 victories over Gulf Coast on March 12 in Perkinston. They journeyed to Co-Lin's Wesson campus on March 15, where they fell 8-7 in the opener and rallied for a 10-6 win in the nightcap.

In the first win over Gulf Coast, several Diamond Warriors collected multiple hits to lead the offense.

John Morgan Berry belted two doubles and a single, and Dylan Little and Ryan Ward each had a double and two singles. Berry and Ward were also credited with two RBIs each.

Ward was also the winning pitcher. The right-hander went 2 1/3 innings and allowed one earned run on two hits. He also fanned three batters.

In the second contest, Berry drove in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning for a 3-2 lead and EC held on for the victory.

Ward led the offense with a double and single. Little and Daigle had singles each.

Thrower and Whitten were credited with an RBI each.

Ty Hendrix picked up the win as the right-hander allowed one earned run on six innings through 6 2/3 innings. He fanned eight batters and walked four.

In the first matchup with Co-Lin, EC jumped out to a 2-0 lead but the home standing Wolves rallied for the victory. Bush had two singles, knocked in a run and scored twice to pace the Diamond Warrior offense.

Other hitters were Whitten and Ward, two singles each; Ben Cooley of South Jones, triple and RBI; Little, single and two RBIs; and Daigle and Caleb Woods of Leake Central, single and RBI each.

Bush took the loss on the mound. He hurled one-third inning and allowed one earned run on three hits. He also walked a batter.

In the nightcap, Whitten led

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the offense with a double and two singles. He also knocked in a run.

Other sluggers were Daigle, two singles and two RBIs; Berry, two singles and RBI; Little, single and two RBIs; and Fazende, single and RBI.

Nick Wilson picked up the win. The southpaw from Terry went two innings and allowed one earned run on one hit. He also fanned three batters and walked one.

EC (9-11, 3-1) entertains top-ranked Jones County Junior College (21-1, 2-0) Tuesday, March 18. Doubleheader action begins at 3 p.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

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ECCC softball sweeps Co-Lin

From school reports

WESSON — East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball squad recorded a pair of victories over Copiah-Lincoln Community College in MACJC South Division action Wednesday.

Ty Buckley belted two home runs and collected five RBIs to lead the Lady Diamond Warriors to a 8-0 shutout in the first contest, and Morgan Porter slapped three singles in helping provide a 7-2 victory in the nightcap.

EC improved to 21-7 overall and 6-4 in league play following the sweep. The Lady Wolves fell to 13-10 and 5-5.

Buckley's homers came in the third and seventh innings. She is a product of Neshoba Central High School.

Mallory Turner also had a productive outing at the plate, as the West Lauderdale High School product doubled and singled and finished with two RBIs. She also scored twice.

Other sluggers were Anna Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, three singles; Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar (Ala.) High School, double and single; Amber McBroom of Brandon, two singles; and Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale and Hayley Stephens of Union, singles each.

Kendra Wilson picked up the victory. She allowed four hits, fanned five batters and walked one. Wilson is a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School.

In the second game, EC's success continued at the plate and on the mound.

Porter led the offense with her three singles. The Enterprise High School product also scored twice.

Also recording multiple hits were Beard, Stephens and Nowell, two singles each. Hopkins and Turner each contributed an RBI single and Holsonback was credited with an RBI.

Makayla Kelly earned the win. She went five innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits. She also fanned a batter. Kelly is a product of Nederland (Texas) High School.

Wilson hurled two innings. She fanned two batters and walked three.

The Lady Diamond Warriors host Hinds Community College Saturday. Game times for the twin bill are 1 and 3 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

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City High School, from 2007-10.

A standout lineman, Alexander played professional football on two teams — first with the NFL's Tennessee Titans in 2004 followed by a stint with Cologne Centurions in the NFL Europe league from March 2005 to December 2006.

Alexander won numerous honors as a member of the University of Alabama Crimson Tide squad from 1999 to 2003. He was named to the Freshman All-American and Freshman All-SEC teams for the 2000 season and received the "Jerry Duncan's Like to Practice Award" the same year.

Alexander served as co-captain in 2002-03 and was awarded the "Paul Crane Most Improved Offensive Lineman Award" for the 2003 campaign.

The Memphis native received a four-year athletic scholarship to attend the University of Alabama following a stellar career at Westwood High School in Memphis, where he received First Team All-Metro, First Team All-State and Second Team All-South honors.

Alexander received a bachelor's degree in family financial planning from the University of Alabama in 2003. He completed additional coursework in 2004.

Alexander is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in kinesiology at the University of Montevallo. He is married to the former Niva King of Columbus. They have three sons, Dennis Alexander III, Javin King and Jemarcus King.

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Diamond Warriors drop double-header

After jumping out to a 3-1 record to begin MACJC South Division action, East Central Community College's baseball squad has dropped a second-straight division doubleheader following weekend action at Pearl River Community College Saturday on the Poplarville campus.

The Diamond Warriors were edged 2-1 in the first contest and were outscored by a 9-4 margin in the nightcap. EC's record now stands at 9-15 overall and 3-5 in the division. Pearl River improved to 15-11 and 2-4.

The Diamond Warrior offense was stymied in the first contest as Dylan Little's single was the only hit. He also scored the lone run following a sacrifice fly by Maxwell Harmon of Enterprise.

Ryan Ward took the loss. The right-hander allowed one hit and no earned runs through 2 1/3 innings. He also fanned a batter.

Nick Wilson went 3 2/3 innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits. He also fanned three batters and walked one.

In the second game, EC took a 1-0 lead in the first stanza following Cody Daigle's RBI double scoring Ben Cooley who had earlier singled.

Chance Whitten led the offense with a double and single. Hunter Thrower contributed an RBI single. Cory Kitchens was charged with the loss.

EC travels to Baton Rouge Community College Wednesday.

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Buckley smashes way to East Central victory

Photo courtesy of East Central Community College

Ty Buckley continues her success at the plate as the sophomore slugger helped lead East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team to a sweep of Hinds Community College Saturday. Buckley belted two home runs, a single and collected four RBIs in a 10-2 victory in the second game of the twin bill. She is a product of Neshoba Central High School. EC won the opener, 5-2. The Lady Diamond Warriors improved to 23-7 overall and 8-4 in the MACJC South Division following the sweep.

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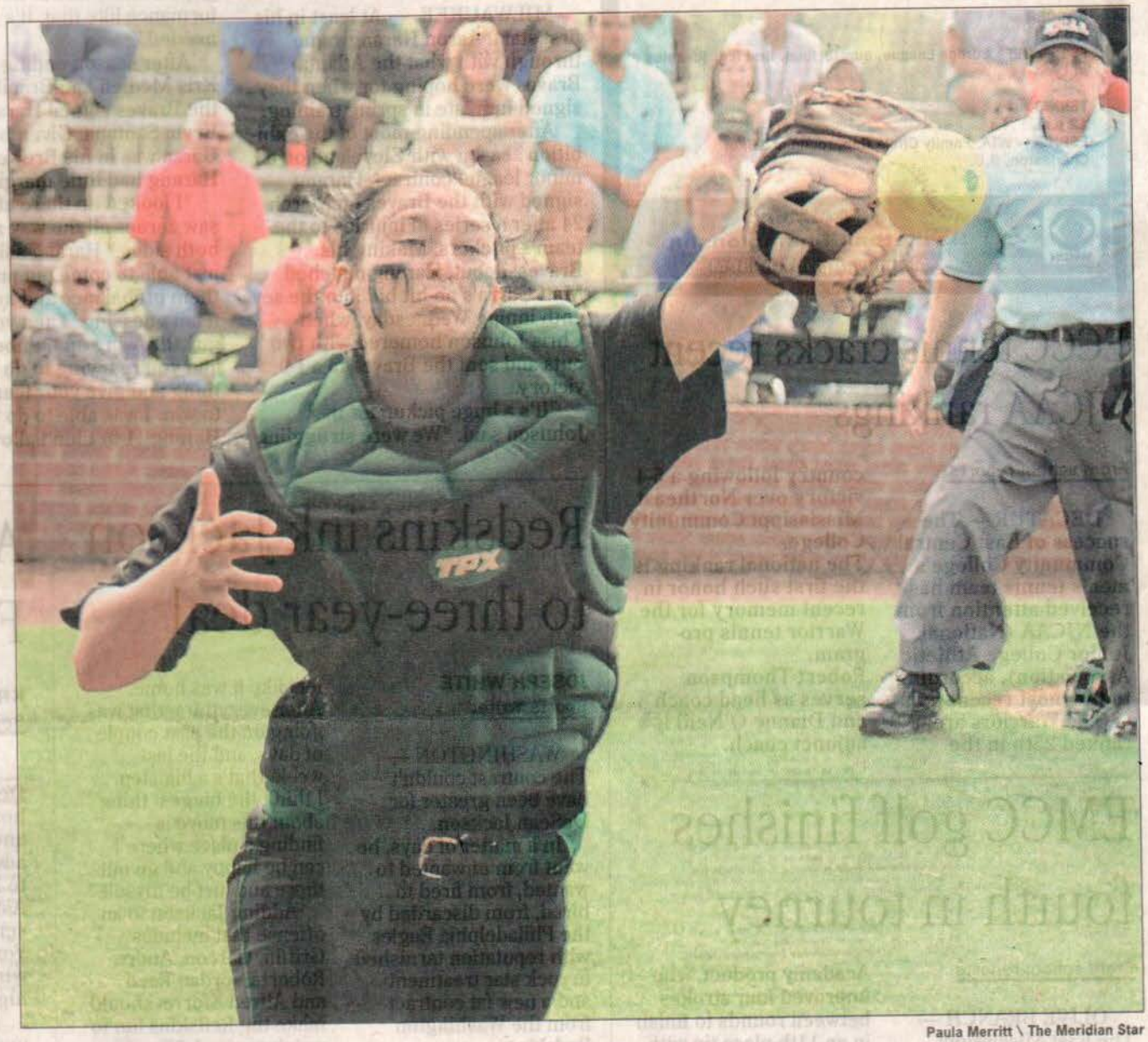

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Meridian Community College's Cheyenne Barefoot tries to catch a foul ball near the dugout Wednesday against East Central Community College.

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East Central softball sweeps MCC

By Drew Kerekes
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — When the East Central Community College softball team made it rain, they made it pour.

And all Meridian Community College could do was watch both games of their doubleheader slip away Wednesday afternoon.

East Central spread its scoring around in Game 1 against MCC in a 10-2 win, then used a big fifth inning to propel itself to an 11-3 win in Game 2.

In the first game, East Central jumped out to a 3-0 lead when Mallory Turner scored on a double by Lindsey Beard and Hayley Stephens connected on a two-run double. The Lady Warriors extended their lead to 5-0 when Stephens again hit a two-run double in the bottom of the second inning.

In the bottom of third inning, Kaylin Hopkins came home on a throwing error during a pickoff attempt at third base, making it 6-0 East Central. MCC finally got on the board in the top of the fourth when Paige Gibson scored on a passed ball.

In the top of the fifth, MCC cut East Central's lead to 6-2 on Cheyenne Barefoot's RBI double. But that would be the last run scored for the Lady Eagles, as East Central added three runs in the bottom of the fifth and one run in the bottom of the sixth to force the eight-runs-after-five mercy rule.

"I thought we came out loose and played well," East Central coach Kristin Chaney said after Game 1. "Overall, I think we had very good at-bats."

Kendra Wilson got the win for the Lady Warriors, going give innings and surrendering two runs on four hits. She also had three walks and four strikeouts.

MCC starter Kelsey Rogers took the loss after being pulled in the first inning. She only got one out and surrendered three runs on four hits before being replaced by Lyndsey Cannon, who pitched the rest of the game. MCC head coach Faith Robinson said Rogers wasn't able to hit her spots, so she pulled her in order to limit East Central's damage.

"I tried to keep the girls' momentum up and keep their heads up," Robinson said. "That's what we've been struggling with. Once we get behind, we start to doubt ourselves and doubt our talent, because we're young."

For East Central, Turner and Beard both finished 2-for-4, and Ty Buckley was 2-for-3 with a double. Hayley Stephens went 2-for-3 with two doubles, and Kaylin Hopkins finished 2-for-4 with a triple. Karoline Holsonback also had a double.

No one for MCC had more than one hit. Barefoot and Casey Bolton both had doubles.

In Game 2, East Central trailed 3-2 going into the bottom of the fifth inning before the Lady Warriors exploded for nine runs to take an 11-3 lead and again force the eight-runs-after-five mercy rule.

"I think we sat back and finally got our timing on (the ball) and swung at good pitches," Chaney said of her team's approach in the fifth inning. "We relaxed, and we finally refocused when we knew Meridian would give us a good ball game."

Beard got things started for East Central by drawing a bases-loaded walk to tie the game 3-3. Stephens followed that up with an RBI single, and another run scored on her hit due to a fielding error. The big hit of the game, though, was Morgan Porter's three-run home run that made it 8-3 East Central.

Later in the inning, Hopkins singled in two more runs, and Anna Katherine Nowell had the game-winning double that scored the speedy Hopkins, ending the game at 11-3.

All nine runs for East Central in the fifth came with two outs, something Chaney said she made her especially proud.

"It's the same thing we've been doing all year," she said. "We've been steadfast and believed in one another. That's a testament to our team — we're never out of it no matter how many outs there is."

Robinson said things spiraled out of control once East Central put a few runs on the board in the fifth.

"We had a chance to get out of it with the lead," Robinson said. "We have to learn how to finish a ball game. We had East Central beat — the momentum was in our favor — and we walked in the trying run, which we just can't do."

After pitching most of Game 1, Cannon pitched the entirety of Game 2 for MCC. She took the loss, surrendering 11 runs on eight while walking five and striking out one.

Wilson got the win again in Game 2, pitching 1 2/3 innings and giving up no runs on no hits. She had three walks and four strikeouts. Makayla Kelly started the game for East Central, going 3 1/3 innings and giving p three runs on three hits while fanning three batters.

Stephens was 2-for-2 in Game 2, and Holsonback and Hopkins both went 2-for-3.

For MCC, Chelsea Moore was 2-for-3 with a home run.

East Central (27-9) will play at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Saturday, while MCC will host Pearl River Community College Saturday.

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ECCC Diamond Warriors take twinball

From school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College's baseball squad improved to 5-3 in the MACJC South Division following a doubleheader sweep of Southwest Mississippi Community College Sunday.

The Diamond Warriors held on for a 5-4 win in the opener and posted an 8-4 decision in the nightcap of the twin bill, originally scheduled for Saturday but moved to Sunday due to wet grounds. Todd Hughes slapped a two-run single to lead EC's offense in the first contest. Hughes is a product of Clarkdale High School.

Other hitters were Jake Bush of Brookwood (Ala.) High School and Chance Whitten of South Panola, who had singles each. Dylan Little of Mary G. Montgomery (Ala.) High School was credited with an RBI.

Ryan Ward was the winning pitcher. He tossed two-thirds of an inning of shutout ball. Ward is a product of Madison Ridgeland Academy.

In the second game, Caleb Woods led the offense with two singles and two RBIs. Woods is a product of Leake Central High School.

Bush contributed two singles and knocked in a run.

Other hitters were Little, RBI single; Kyle McCullough of Madison Ridgeland Academy, triple; Whitten, double; and Lane Fazende of Pearl River Central, single.

Maxwell Harmon of Enterprise was credited with two RBIs.

Runs were scored by McCullough (2), Hunter Thrower of Southeast Lauderdale, Zach May of Newton County, Bush, Whitten, Little and Ward.

Nick Wilson picked up the win. The southpaw went four innings and allowedno earned runs while giving up three hits. He fanned five batters and walked three. Wilson is a product of Terry High School.

EC battles Hinds Community College today, with the doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

The Diamond Warriors (13-15) are led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims.

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WEEK OF March 30, 2014

EC women deal Jones first defeat of season, 8-6

Ty Buckley's three-run homer and Hayley Stephen's solo blast helped lead East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball squad to an 8-6 victory over nationally ranked and previously unbeaten Jones County Junior College Sunday in Ellisville.

The Lady Bobcats responded with a 9-5 decision in the second contest to earn a split of the MACJC South Division matchup, which was originally set for Saturday but was rescheduled due to wet grounds.

East Central's record now stands at 24-7 overall and 9-5 in league play, while No. 2 Jones County sports a 27-1 overall mark and continues to lead the division at 13-1.

Buckley now has 17 homers and continues to lead NJCAA Division II. She also has 55 RBIs and is ranked among the top run producers. She had 49 RBIs prior to the Jones County double header and was ranked fifth in the nation.

In addition to her three-run blast, Buckley was credited with another RBI in the opener.

Stephens also contributed a double and single and finished with two RBIs.

Anna-Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, had two singles and scored two runs.

Kendra Wilson went the distance to record the victory.

The Lady Diamond Warriors out-hit home standing Jones County by an 11-10 margin in the second game but were unable to capitalize on scoring opportunities.

Buckley again was the top run producer, as she slapped two singles and knocked in two runs. She also scored a run.

Nowell had two singles and also scored twice.

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C softball splits with Pearl River

Buckley's grand slam home run in ottom of the sixth inning provided Central Community College's fast- softball team with an 8-0 shutout of River Community College in the first of a twin bill last Tuesday on the atur campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors were not ortunate in the second contest as the ting Lady Wildcats also posted an 8-0 ision to earn a split of the MACJC uth Division doubleheader.

Both squads continue to be deadlocked second place in the division with 9-5 ords. East Central is 24-8 overall while rl River sports a 15-11 overall mark.

Buckley, a sophomore first baseman n Neshoba Central High School, leads NJCAA Division II with 16 home runs. also singled in the third and fourth ings.

Hayley Stephens also had a productive ting at the plate in the opener, as the nion High School product slapped a two- n triple in the fifth inning. She also cored a run.

Anna-Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy also tripled and contributed a single as well. She also scored twice.

Other hitters were Morgan Porter of Enterprise, double, single and RBI; Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, two singles and RBI; and Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale and Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar (Ala.) High School, singles each. Turner also scored twice. Christen Benson of Brookhaven also scored a run.

Kendra Wilson went the distance to record the victory. She allowed just two hits and fanned two batters. She also walked a pair. Wilson is a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School.

The second contest belonged to the Lady Wildcats who cruised to the easy victory.

EC managed just one hit – a single by Amber McBroom of Brandon.

Makayla Kelly took the loss, as the Nederland (Texas) High School product allowed eight runs on 10 hits. She fanned a batter and walked one.

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Ty Buckley's three-run homer and Hayley Stephen's solo blast helped lead

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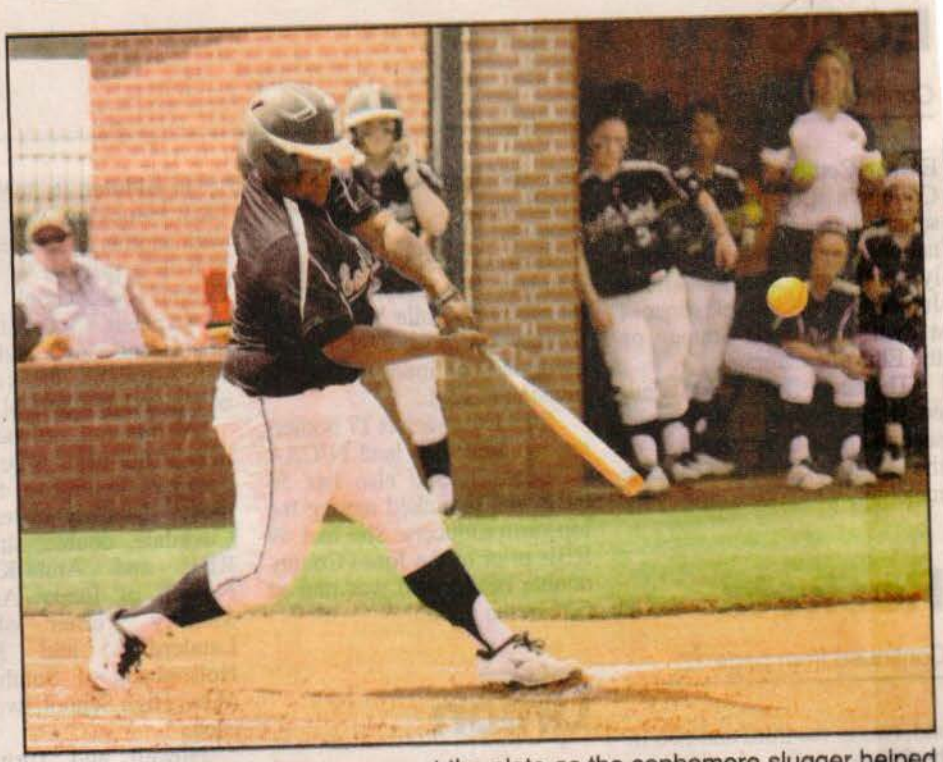

Ty Buckley continues her success at the plate as the sophomore slugger helped lead East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball team to a sweep of Hinds Community College Saturday, March 22 on the Decatur campus. Buckley belted two home runs, a single and collected four RBIs in a 10-2 victory in the second game of the twin bill. Buckley is a product of Neshoba Central High School. EC won the opener by a 5-2 margin. The Lady Diamond Warriors improved to 23-7 overall and 8-4 in the MACJC South Division following the sweep.

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Stephens also contributed a double and single and finished with two RBIs. She is a product of Union High School.

Also having productive outings at the plate were Morgan Porter of Enterprise, two doubles; Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale, double, single and RBI; and Anna-Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, and Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar (Ala.) High School, two singles each.

Nowell and Turner also scored two runs each. Nikki Triplett of Forest and Christen Benson of Brookhaven scored a run a piece.

Kendra Wilson went the distance to record the victory. She allowed six earned runs on 10 hits in the seven-inning battle. She also fanned three batters and walked five.

The Lady Diamond Warriors out-hit home standing Jones County by an 11-10 margin in the second game but were unable to capitalize on scoring opportunities.

Buckley again was the top run producer, as she slapped two singles and knocked in two runs. She also scored a run.

Turner led in hits with three singles and scored twice.

Other sluggers were Stephens, two singles and RBI; Beard and Porter, RBI singles each; and Nowell and Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, singles each. Nowell also scored twice.

Makayla Kelly took the loss. She went six innings and allowed four earned runs on 10 hits. She also fanned three batters and walked three.

EC battles Meridian Community College Wednesday, April 2. The twin bill starts at 3 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

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WEEK OF April 6, 2014

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Lady Warriors sweep MCC

East Central Community College's nationally ranked fast-pitch softball squad recorded its second doubleheader sweep of Meridian Community College in 2014 following a pair of victories Wednesday on the Decatur campus.

EC cruised 10-2 in the opener and pounded the Lady Eagles 11-3 in the nightcap to improve to 27-9 overall and 12-6 in the MACJC South Division. MCC fell to 2-27 and 1-17. The Lady Diamond posted scores of 12-3 and 13-0 in earlier matchups.

An RBI double by Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale and a two-run double from Hayley Stephens of Union in the first inning set the tone early in the easy victory. Stephens also belted a two-run double in the second frame. She collected a team-leading four RBIs in the opener. Beard also contributed a single.

Other offensive leaders were Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, three singles; Ty Buckley of Neshoba Central, double, single and RBI; Karoline Holsonback of South Lamar (Ala.) High School, two doubles; Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, triple, single and RBI; Anna-Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, RBI single; and Morgan Porter of Enterprise, single.

Scoring runs were Buckley (3), Turner (2), Nowell, Beard, Christen Benson of Brookhaven, Hopkins and Nikki Triplett of Forest.

Kendra Wilson got the win for EC. She went five innings and allowed one earned run on four hits. She fanned four batters and walked three. Wilson is a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School.

Makayla Kelly hurled one shutout inning and allowed a hit. She is a product of Nederland (Texas) High School.

In the second game, Porter belted a three-run home to lead the offense.

Other sluggers were Nowell, triple; Stephens and Holsonback, each with two singles and RBI; and Hopkins, double, single and RBI. Beard was also credited with an RBI.

Runs were scored by Stephens (2), Porter (2), Hopkins (2), Triplett (2), Buckley, Beard and Amber McBroom of Brandon.

Kelly got the win, allowing three earned runs on six hits through 3 1/3 innings. She fanned three batters.

Wilson hurled 1 2/3 shutout innings. She fanned four batters and walked three.

The Lady Diamond Warriors, who are ranked 17th in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, travels to MS Gulf Coast Community College Saturday, April 5. The twin bill starts at noon on the Perkinston campus.

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WEEK OF April 6, 2014

ECCC splits 2 in softball vs. SW Miss.

From school reports

DECATUR — NJCAA Division II home run leader Ty Buckley belted her 18th dinger in helping lead East Central Community College's softball squad to a 6-5 decision in the first of two victories over Southwest Mississippi Community College Wednesday.

The Lady Diamond Warriors rallied for an 8-5 win in the nightcap to complete the doubleheader sweep and improve to 29-11 overall and 14-8 in the MACJC South Division. The Lady Bears dropped to 10-23 and 6-16.

Buckley's solo shot came in the first inning. She is a product of Neshoba Central High School.

Other hitters were Karoline Holsonback, double and single; Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, two singles and an RBI; Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale, two singles; and Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, single.

Runs were scored by Buckley, Beard, Holsonback, Hopkins, Nikki Triplett of Forest and Makayla Kelly of Nederland (Texas) High School.

Kendra Wilson went the distance to record the victory. She allowed four earned runs on 10 hits and fanned four batters in the seven-inning battle. She also walked six batters.

In the second contest, Beard led the offense with a double, two singles and two RBIs. Holsonback contributed a double and single. She also knocked in two runs.

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WEEK OF April 6, 2014

ECCC softball drops two games to Gulf Coast CC

From school reports

PERKINSTON — East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball squad dropped a pair of decisions to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Saturday.

The Lady Diamond Warriors fell 7-3 in the opener and were blanked 9-0 in the second contest of the MACJC South Division doubleheader.

Following the setback, EC's record stood at 27-11 overall and 12-8 in league action. The Lady Bulldogs are also 12-8 in the division and 25-14 overall. The two squads are tied for third in the division standings. Jones County leads the division at 18-2 (32-2 overall), and

Pearl River is second at 15-5 (21-11 overall). In the first game, Morgan Porter and Karoline Holsonback led the offense with two hits each. Porter belted two singles and knocked in a run. Holsonback doubled and singled and was credited with two RBIs.

Other hitters were Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale and Haley Stephens of Union, singles each. Runs were scored by Beard, Stephens and Porter.

Kendra Wilson took the loss. She went six innings and allowed four earned runs on nine hits. She also fanned a batter and walked four. Wilson is a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School.

In the second game, EC managed just four hits — singles by Beard, Stephens, Porter and Anna-Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy.

Makayla Kelly took the loss. She went 4 1/3 innings and allowed eight earned runs on 11 hits. Kelly is a product of Nederland (Texas) High School.

The Lady Diamond Warriors battle Southwest Mississippi Community College today. Game times are 3 and 5 p.m. on the Decatur campus. The division doubleheader was originally scheduled for Tuesday but was moved to today due to wet grounds.

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WEEK OF April 6, 2014

EC's Buckley, Fultz named MACJC Players of the Week

East Central Community ollege softball slugger Ty ıckley of Philadelphia and seball hurler Kale Fultz of ovington, Tenn., received ACJC Player of the Week nors for their respective formances last week.

They are also under coneration for NJCAA Player the Week recognition.

Buckley had a superb week the plate in games with rl River and Jones County. ainst Pearl River, she went e for six, which included a ıd slam home run and four s.

n the matchup with Jones nty, Buckley led the team with six RBIs. She went three for seven, including a home run and sacrifice fly.

Buckley belted her 17th dinger against Jones County and currently leads NJCAA Division II competition in home runs.

She is also one of the nation's top run producers with 55 RBIs.

The sophomore first baseman is a product of Neshoba Central High School.

The Lady Diamond Warrior fast-pitch softball program is led by head coach Kristin Chaney, assistant Courtney Nunn and volunteer assistant Kasie Buckley.

Fultz, a sophomore right-hander, tossed a shutout in helping lead the Diamond Warriors to a 3-0 victory over Baton Rouge Community College.

He kept the home-standing Bears off the scoreboard during the nine-inning contest. Fultz fanned eight batters and allowed five hits.

Fultz is a transfer from Southwest Tenn. Community College.

EC's baseball program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims.

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Ty Buckley

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WEEK OF April 13, 2014

ECCC softball sophomores honored

Photo courtesy of East Central Community College

Sophomore members of the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team were recognized Friday prior to the home finale against Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Decatur. Honorees were joined by family members for the special ceremony. Sophomore players and their respective high schools include, from left, Hayley Stephens (24), Union; Ty Buckley (23), Neshoba Central; Morgan Porter (19), Enterprise; Lindsey Beard (17), Clarkdale; Kaylin Hopkins (8), Louisville; Kendra Wilson (5), South Lamar (Millport, AL); and Amber McBroom (3), Brandon. The Lady Warriors fell 14-3 in the opener but rallied for an 11-4 win in the nightcap to improve to 30-12 overall and 15-9 in the MACJC South Division.

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WEEK OF April 13, 2014

ECCC softball splits with Co-Lin

From school reports

DECATUR — After a 14-3 drubbing in the first contest, East Central Community College's fast-pitch softball squad responded with an 11-4 thumping of division foe Copiah-Lincoln Community College Friday.

The Lady Diamond Warriors sport a 30-12 overall record and 15-9 mark in the MACJC South Division following the home finale, designated as sophomore appreciation day. Co-Lin is 21-16 and 13-11.

In the opener, Morgan Porter of Enterprise slapped three singles, Amber McBroom of Brandon doubled and singled, and Hayley Stephens of Union contributed two singles to lead the offense. McBroom was also credited with two RBIs.

Ty Buckley belted her 19th homer and continues to lead the NJCAA Division II in home runs. Buckley is a product of Neshoba Central High School.

Other hitters were Karoline Holsonback, a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School, double; and Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, single.

Runs were scored by Buckley, Porter and Nikki Triplett of Forest.

Kendra Wilson took the loss, allowing six earned runs on six hits through one inning. She walked three batters. Wilson is a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School.

Makayla Kelly hurled five innings and allowed six earned runs on 10 hits. She walked just one batter. Kelly is a product of Nederland (Texas) High School.

EC's offense came alive in the nightcap as several players collected multiple hits.

McBroom homered and singled and collected three RBIs; Porter hit a two-run triple; Beard doubled and singled and knocked in a pair of runs; Holsonback doubled and singled and was credited with an RBI; and Hopkins had two singles.

Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale contributed a single and Stephens was credited with an RBI.

Wilson went the distance to pick up the win. She allowed two earned runs on 12 hits and fanned five batters. She also walked a pair.

Next up for the Lady Diamond Warriors is a division doubleheader with Hinds Community College Tuesday, April 14. Game times are 2 and 4 p.m. on the Raymond campus.

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Lyles signs with East Central

Special to The Star

Newton County Academy senior Natalie Lyles, center, signed her letter of intent to cheer for East Central Community College this fall. Pictured with her are, from left, standing, parents Renee and Ken Lyles and Emily Smith, NCA cheer sponsor.

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ECCC women succomb to Itawamba

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The 2014 season has ended for the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team which dropped a best-of-three series with Itawamba Community College Friday and Saturday (April 25-26) on the Fulton campus.

The Lady Diamond Warriors began the post-season competition with a 4-2 loss Friday, and evened the series with a 5-3 victory Saturday afternoon. EC was outscored 8-4 in the third and deciding contest late Saturday.

In the first contest, Karoline Holsonback led the offense with two singles and an RBI. Holsonback is a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School.

Other hitters were Haley Stephens of Union, two singles; and Ty Buckley of Neshoba Central, Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale, Morgan Porter of Enterprise and Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, singles each.

Runs were scored by Buckley and Beard.

Kendra Wilson took the loss. She allowed two earned runs on six hits, fanned two batters and walked four. Wilson is a product of South Lamar (Ala.) High School.

In the win over Itawamba, Mallory Turner led the offense with three hits and an RBI. Turner is a product of West Lauderdale High School.

Other run-producers were Stephens, double and two RBIs; Holsonback, RBI double; and Anna-Katherine Nowell of Leake Academy, two singles and one RBI.

Other hitters were Beard, Hopkins and Amber McBroom of Brandon, singles each.

Runs were scored by Turner, Porter, Buckley, Beard and Nowell.

Wilson picked up the win. She allowed two earned runs on six hits, fanned a batter and walked a pair.

In the third and deciding contest, the home standing Indians never trailed after scoring two runs in the first stanza.

Turner collected two hits and knocked in a run to lead the offense.

Other sluggers were Porter, two singles; and Stephens, Beard, Holsonback, Nowell and McBroom, singles each.

Runs were scored by Porter, Nowell, Hopkins and Christen Benson of Brookhaven.

Wilson took the loss. She hurler 4 2/3 innings and allowed seven earned runs on seven hits. She fanned five batters and walked seven.

Makayla Kelly pitched 1 1/3 innings. She allowed one hit and walked a batter. Kelly is a product of Nederland (Texas) High School.

The Lady Diamond Warriors, who finished the regular season with a 32-14 mark and 17-11 record in the MACJC South Division, qualified for the playoff series as the South # 4 Seed.

Top-seed Itawamba completed the regular season with a 33-10 mark and led the MACJC North Division at 21-3. The Lady Indians were ranked 17th in the latest NJCAA Division II poll.

EC's softball program is led by head coach Kristin Chaney and assistants Courtney Nunn and Kasie Buckley.

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ECCC softball concludes 2014 season

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WEEK OF May 18, 2014

ECCC's Award-Winning Softball Players

Above are members of the 2014 East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team who received honors at the Spring Sports Banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Award winners and their respective high schools include (seated from left) Kendra Wilson of South Lamar (Ala.) High School, Pitching Award and MACJC All-State; Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, Base Running Award; Mallory Turner of West Lauderdale, Hustle Award; and (standing from left) Makayla Kelly of Nederland (Texas) High School, Lady Warrior Award; Ty Buckley of Neshoba Central, Most Valuable Player, Most Outstanding Offense, MACJC Player of the Year; All-Region 23 and MACJC All-State; and Haley Stephens of Union, Most Improved. Not pictured is Lindsey Beard of Clarkdale, Most Outstanding Defense. Buckley was among the nation's top sluggers as she tied two other players for most home runs with 20 and posted a .408 batting average with 66 RBIs. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and Lady Warrior head coach Kristin Chaney presented awards. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF June 22, 2014

Former Lady Rocket inks with JSU

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
Sports Editor

Ty Buckley

Former Neshoba Central Lady Rocket softball standout Ty Buckley has committed to play softball at Jackson State University in the upcoming school year.

"I'm going to Jackson State," Buckley said. "I have verbally committed to them. I haven't signed yet but we are trying together for that."

Buckley is coming off two outstanding seasons as a member of the East Central Community College Lady Warriors.

In her sophomore season with the Lady Warriors, Buckley was named MACJC Player of the Year. Other postseason honors included MACJC all-state and she was a nominee to the NJCAA All-American team.

Buckley hit 20 homeruns during the 2014 season and led the nation for most hits before finishing tied with two other players. She knocked in 66 runs while batting .408. East Central finished with a 33-16 record.

Jackson State competes in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. The Lady Tigers made it to the semifinals of the conference tournament last year and finished with a 28-29 record.

Former Neshoba Central and East Central standout Ty Buckley has committed to play softball for Jackson State.

"I really didn't know what to expect when I signed with East Central, but I really enjoyed my time there," Buckley said. "I enjoyed going to school there and playing for the coaches there.

"But I am looking forward to going on to Jackson State. They have a good program. We played them my freshman year and I am looking forward to being part of that program."

East Central Coach Kristen Chaney said she has enjoyed having Buckley as part of her program.

"She is one of the greatest to ever come through this program. She definitely left her mark at EC and will defi-

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with Ty's athletic ability and also with her work ethic and personality."

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WEEK OF June 22, 2014

Peebles signs with ECCC

Neshoba Central Lady Rockets Maggie Peebles signed to continue her softball career at East Central Community College. She was a member of the Lady Rocket Slow Pitch 2012 and 2013 back-to-back State Championship team and the Fast Pitch 2013 and 2014 back-to-back State Champions. Seated, from left, are mother, Stephanie Peebles, Maggie Peebles and father, Mark Peebles; and standing, Assistant Principal LaShon Horn, Kyle Peebles, Coach Trae Embry and Assistant Principal Jimmy Buchanan.

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Student of the year

Montana Thomason, center, of Louisville was selected East Central Community College's "Surgical Technology Student of the Year" at the program's annual pinning ceremony held Thursday, Dec. 12. Thomason earned the award for excelling in the classroom and clinical settings. Also pictured are program director/instructor LeAnn Shirley, left, and instructor Kristie Pilgrim who made the presentation.

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Top East Central students announced

Numerous area students at East Central Community College have earned academic honors for the fall semester.

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, include:

From Carthage, Conor Bell, Matthew Bishop, Madie Brantley, Gloria Burgess, Kristen Chipley, John Davis,

Tyler Faulkner, Anna Girling, Jennifer, Hardin, Katessa Hutchins, Alisha Jones, Hanna Kemp, Kamaran Malone, Sherry McKee,

Matthew Sullivan, Megan Thaggard, Matthew Tucker, Amber Williams, Florabel Withers and George Woods;

From Sebastopol, William Wragg;

From Walnut Grove, Shannon McNeill;

Those named to the Dean's List, students who achieved a 3.5 or above grade point, include:

From Carthage, Richard Ainsworth, Alec Doggett, John Evans, Monica Hamilton, Hannah Jolly, Parker Jones, Kimberly Leflore,

Kaitlyn Lofton, Cynthia Middlebrooks, Courtney Moore, Hannah Peoples, Letecia Rome, Kayla Searcy, Laura Shelton,

Aaron Shepard, Cody Smith, Brooklyn Stewart, Kendall Wilcher and Gary Winstead;

From Lena, Tymaiya Gray, Stephanie Latham, Ashley O'Bannon and Elizabeth Wilson;

From Sebastopol, Ashley Barber and Aderian Partain;

From Walnut Grove, Lauren Copeland, Wanda Harrison, Hannah Kersgaard, Brianna May and Carrie Summers Jones;

Students on the honorable mention list, earning a 3.0 or above grade point average, included:

From Carthage, Haden Bozeman, Hope Brown, Chelsea Cleveland, Christine Cockroft, Anna Crawford,

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BSF in Louisville

Eleven individuals completed the Building Strong Families Career Classes this week at East Central Community College - Louisville. Winston County Marriage Educator Barbara Culberson and Career Educator Megan Artz taught the week-long classes.

Pictured above are Tashonna McMullen, Joseph Parker, Diona McNeal, Michael Dismuke, Johnice Taylor, David Walker, and Shakia Metts.

Not pictured are Antonio Blue, Quinton McWilliams, Cecil Hickman, and Jhirkorrey Goss.

For more information about the free marriage and career classes and the Building Strong Families program, contact Megan Artz at 662-418-7089

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ECCC class favorites

The favorites for freshman and sophomore classes of 2014-15 have been announced for East Central Community College. Those elected include, front row, from left, sophomores Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia; and Colton Horne of Noxapater. Second row, sophomores Nikki Triplett of Forest; Anna Katherine Nowell of Philadelphia; Zachary Allen of Louisville and Ben Cooley of Hattiesburg. Third row, freshman Kaylee Yates of Decatur; sophomore Cara Jackson and freshman Clay Jackson, both of Louisville; and sophomore Caleb Stallings of Enterprise; and, in back, freshmen Kaley Bufkin of Decatur; Skylar Davidson of Morton; Devin Skinner of Philadelphia and Chandler Powell of Forest.

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First of first

Kaitlyn Morris, oboist at Sebastopol High School received first chair, first band honors during the recent 36th annual East Central Community College Invitational Band Clinic. The two-day clinic was the largest in the college's history with more than 250 musicians in ECCC's five-county district. The clinic concluded with a concert in Huff Auditorium.

Who's Who includes six students

Six area students at East Central Community College have been named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges for 2013-14.*

Honorees included Kendall Wilcher, Kristen Chipley, Aaron Tucker, Caleb Woods and Conor Bell, all of Carthage, and Aderian Partain of Sebastopol

Area ECCC students win recognition

Seven area students at East Central Community College have been named to Who's Who Among American Community-Junior Colleges for 2014-15.

Honorees from ECCC included Anna Girling, Emily Cook, Alec Doggett, John Davis and Tyler Faulkner, all of Carthage; Lorrie Moore of Lena, and Justin Moore of Thomastown.

Students were nominated by faculty and staff and chosen based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations.

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ECCC students selected to Who's Who

These students at East Central Community College in Decatur were recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges for 2013-14. Students were nominated by faculty and staff and are chosen based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Pictured are (first row, from left) Brianna Parkman of Lake, Kara Miller of Decatur, MiKayla Carson of Newton, Teylor Martinez of Nanih Waiya, Latishia Johnson of Decatur, Patricia Thweatt of Union, Mary Margaret Bailey of Philadelphia, Nan Hartness of Louisville, Heather Johnson of Chunky, and Andrea McSwain of Decatur; (second row, from left) Brooke Wilson of Good Hope, Kara Beth Johnson of Morton, Ty Buckley and Hillary Wilson, both of Philadelphia; Ashlyn Pullin of Union, Taylor Gressett of Chunky, Kayla Covington of Nanih Waiya, Kelsey Cox of Forest, Felica Robinson of Hickory, Hannah McCurdy of Morton, Meghan McPhearson of Union, Sydney Dawkins of DeKalb, Morgan Luke of Newton, Alana Turner of Florence, Jacob Oliver of Little Rock, Jesse Vaughn of Decatur, Kendall Wilcher of Carthage, Sawyer Williams of El Dorado, Ark., Eliud Alvarez of Forest; (third row, from left) Tell Matuszewski of Raleigh, Justin Nutt of Morton, Emilee Cox of Forest, Kelsey Nowell of Nanih Waiya, Denzel Clemons of Philadelphia, Chelsey Smith of Brandon, Madison Herrington of Union, Chelsea Campbell of Forest, Jayohnnie Slaughter of Union, Payton Smith of Forest, Lindsey McCool of Louisville, Kristen Chipley of Carthage, Casey Cherry of Union, Paige Gower of Meridian, Miranda Clark of Philadelphia, Claire Milling of Meridian, Emily Jacome-Cluff of Hickory, Hannah Smith of Decatur, Aderian Partain of Sebastopol; (fourth row, from left) Bryant Williams of Hickory, Zachary Yates, Joseph Aulds and Stephanie Spence, all of Decatur; Rayanne Craven of Newton, Bailey Laird of Meridian, Jessie Boatner of Philadelphia, Clint Walker of Newton, Macy Seale and Zach Peden, both of Philadelphia; Ryan Godwin of Newton; Aaron Brown of Decatur, Elauran Vowell of Philadelphia, Hayden Fryery of Louisville, Allie Killens of Saltillo, Kennedy Castleberry of Meridian, Mackenzie Britt of Florence, Matthew Evans of Forest, Aaron Tucker of Carthage, Maxwell Harmon of Enterprise; and (back row, from left) Russ Thompson and Will Thompson, both of Decatur; Nathan Powell of Enterprise, Brady Power of Forest, Nathan Williams of Union, Conor Bell of Carthage, Paige Wall of Hero, Emily Gully of Bay Springs, Sam Lovorn and Chandler Smith, both of Philadelphia; Jordan Walker of Decatur, Greg Mitchell of Meridian, William Walker Stokes of Philadelphia, Jake Bush of West Blocton, Ala., Conner West of Taylorsville, Caleb Woods of Carthage, and Zach May and Colby Rigdon, both of Little Rock.

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ECCC art club names officers

Members of East Central Community College's Art Club include (front row, from left) Courtney Tillman of Decatur, Deeanna Carlson, vice president, of Newton; Jessica Skinner, treasurer, of Philadelphia; Chelsey Smith, president, of Brandon; Dalaney Kilgore of Hickory and Elizabeth Hurt of Louisville; (second row, from left) Matt Pennypacker of Pelahatchie, Sara Thorne of Noxapater, Beth Price, Casey Cherry and Madison Herrington, all of Union; and Janice Poling of Walnut Grove; (third row, from left) Danielle Shelley of Sebastopol, Bristol Buffington of Louisville, Danielle Gregory of Little Rock, Jasmine Yombard of Union, and Jacob Emmons of Lake; and (forth row, from left) John Hausley of Newton and Christopher Brady, art instructor and club sponsor.

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Newton County ECCC PTK Inducted

The above students from Newton County were recently inducted into Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College. Induction ceremonies were held Thursday, Feb. 6, on the Decatur campus. Inductees and their hometowns include (front row, from left) Haleigh West and Mak Rowzee, both of Hickory; Tabitha LaBue, Conehatta; Breanna Morgan and Taylor Townsend, both of Union; Katie Sanford, Decatur; Amy Seibel, Lawrence; and Daniel Giles and Ben Killen, both of Union; (second row, from left) Stephanie Willis, Newton; Sarah Freeman, Decatur; DeeJay Rolison, Conehatta; Hunter Collins, Newton; Charles Thorne, Tyler Spence and Ryan Mott, all of Decatur; and Casey Parker, Union; and (back row, from left) Julian Fuentes, Decatur; Blain Rose, Hickory; Mackenzie Gannon, Decatur; Mark Hale and William Howington, both of Little Rock; William Collins, Newton; and Delton Harrison, Little Rock. More than 75 students joined the prestigious organization, whose mission is to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. To qualify, students must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework that may be applied to an associate degree and must have a grade point average of 3.5. Career-Technical counselor Amanda Walton and instructors Chris Ryals and Jenna Wright serve as advisers.

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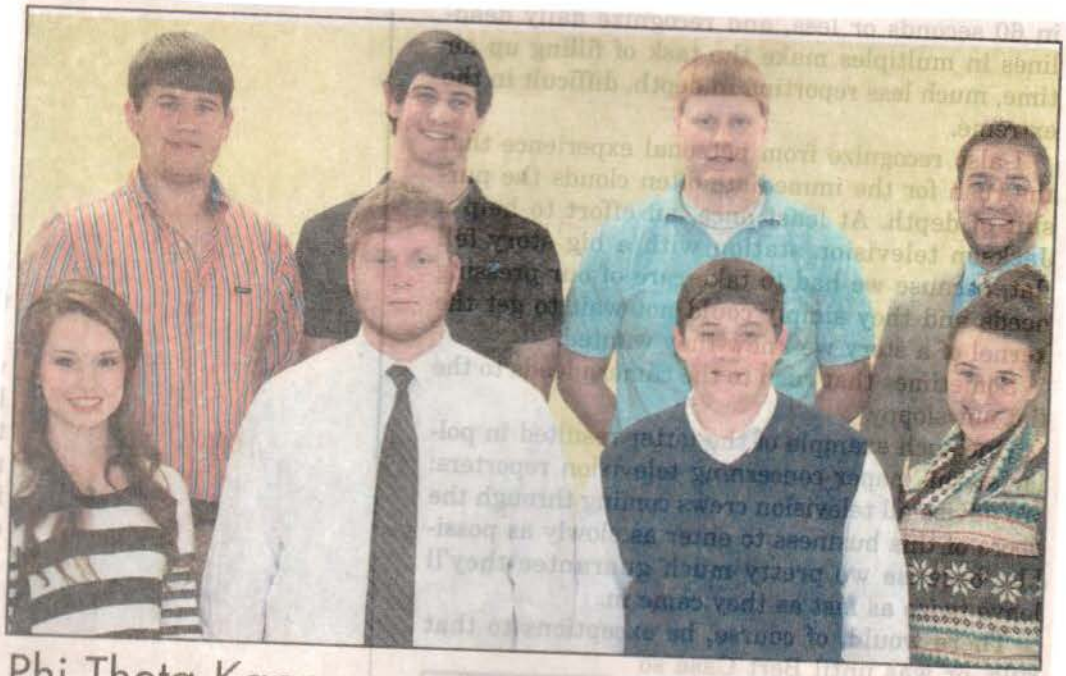

Phi Theta Kapp

Eight students from Leake County have been inducted into Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, at East Central Community College. Inductees included, from left, front, Emily Cook, John Davis, Parker Jones and Brooklyn Burgess, all of Carthage; back, Cody Smith, Carthage; Will Myers, Four Corners; and Matthew Bishop and Houston Martin, III, both of Edinburg.

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Spirit of Morton

ECCC PTK Inductees from Scott County

The above students from Scott County were recently inducted into Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College. Induction ceremonies were held Thursday, Feb. 6, on the Decatur campus. Inductees and their hometowns include (front row, from left) Kelsey Porter, Morton; Bailey Easterling, Forest; Grayson Harrell and Amber Williams, both of Morton; and Jenny Grove and Kristen Gordy, both of Forest; and (back row, from left) Madison Smith and Tyler Runnels, both of Morton; Keifer Wolfe, Lake; Regan Reiss, Forest; Emmarald Jones, Lake; Shannon McNeill, Sebastopol; and Chauncy Griffin, Morton. More than 75 students joined the prestigious organization, whose mission is to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. To qualify, students must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework that may be applied to an associate degree and must have a grade point average of 3.5. Career-Technical counselor Amanda Walton and instructors Chris Ryals and Jenna Wright serve as advisers. (EC Photo)

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ECCC chooses Decatur student as most beautiful

Haleigh West, left, of Decatur, was crowned Most Beautiful during the annual East Central Community College Beauty Pageant held Tuesday, Feb. 18, on the Decatur
She was crowned by 2013 Most Beautiful Kelsey Bounds of Newton. The Top 10 Beauties selected at the pageant, shown in the photo at right, were Grayson Harrell,
left; Payton Smith, Forest; Hannah Smith, Decatur; Casey Cherry, Union; Haleigh West, Decatur; Hannah Mitchell, Meridian; Taylor Gressett, Chunky; Emily Gully, Bay
Jayohnnie Slaughter, Union; and Mackenzie Gannon, Decatur.

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ECCC announces SkillsUSA District

East Central Community College in Decatur recently hosted the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region 3. More than 200 area students participated in the annual event.

All first through third place winners advance to state competition scheduled February 25-26 in Jackson. Those receiving top honors inthe respective categories include:

Architectural Drafting: Xavier Mattison, first place, Leake County Career-Technical Center; and Lacey McLain, second, A.P. Fatherree Career-Technical Center.

Automotive Service Technology: James McLain, first place, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center; Christian White, second, Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center; and Jakeb Cooksey, third, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center.

Cabinetmaking: Jared Revette, first place, Smith County Career Center; Scottie Neyman, second, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center; and Santrell Ramsey, third, Ross Collins Career-Technical Center in Meridian.

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Job Skills Demonstration Open: Andrew Donald, first place, A.P. Fatherree Career-Technical Center in Laurel; Baylan Myrick, second, Leake County Career-Technical Center; and Tyler Wilson, third, Smith County Career Center.

ob Interview: Jacob Dendy, first place, and Haiden Nowell, second, both students at the Choctaw County Career-Technical Center; and Terance Bryant, third, Noxubee County Career-Technical Center.

Masonry: Bryce Turner and Kedrick Cheatham (assistant), first place, Noxubee County Career Center; Tommy Bell and Cortez Johnson (helper), second, Choctaw County Career-Technical Center; and Zachary Emmons and Shawn Fisher (helper), third, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies: Choctaw County Career and Technical Center (Jennifer Bigley, Tyler Cagle, Macy Clement, Michael Davis, Darian Fulgham, Zac Lawrence and Caylin Smith), first place; Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center [illegible]

Runner-Up in 'Job Skills Demonstration A' Competition

Devin Anderson (left), a student at the Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center, received runner-up honors in the "Job Skills Demonstration A" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region 3 held at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Career-Technical Center in Laurel (Amanda Harper, Hannah Maxcey, Hannah Heiden, Rachel Reon and A'Jaycia Thames), second; and A.P. Fatherree Career-Technical Center in Laurel (Blake Massey, Austin Mullins, Hayden Sumrall, Jarvis Ulmer, Langston Gains and Andrew McDaniel), third.

Related Technical Math: Douglas Kennedy, first place, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center; Kelsey Long, second, Choctaw County Career [illegible]

Receive Top Honors in Automotive Service Technology

These students received top honors in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region 3. More than 200 area students participated. [illegible] first place, Philadelphia/Neshoba [illegible] Winston/Louisville Career-Technical [illegible] and Technology Center. All students [illegible] winners advance to state competition [illegible]

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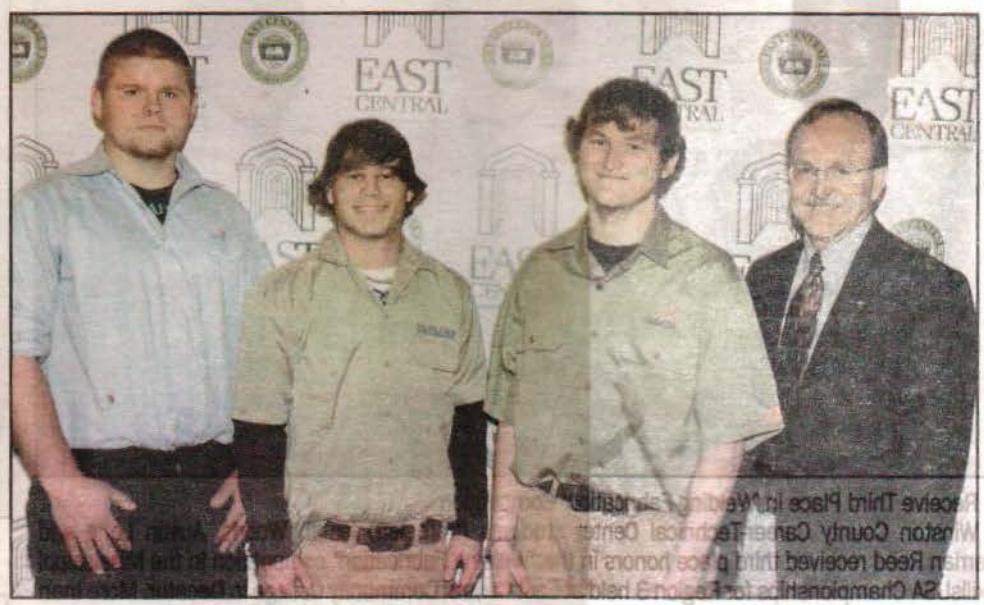

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Receive Top Honors in 'Carpentry' Competition

These students received top honors in the "Carpentry" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region 3held at East Central Community College in Decatur. More than 200 area students participated in the annual event. Pictured are (from left) Ty Swindle, first place, Choctaw County Career-Technical Center; Andrew Pankratz, second, Smith County Career Center; and Laderrius Richardson, third, Noxubee County Vocational-Career Center. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. The winners advance to state competition scheduled February 25-26 in Jackson. (EC Photo).

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Chapter Business Procedures: Noxubee County Career-Technical Center (Donte Brewer, Christian Holder, Tyshala Jackson, Aliysha Jones, Demorris Roby and Kenterrius Turner), first place.

Extemporaneous Speaking: Dylan Johnson, first place, Leake County Career-Technical Center; and Mahlon Robinson, second, Noxubee County Career-Technical Center.

Job Skills Demonstration A: Taylor Patterson, first place, West Point Career-Technical Center; and Devin Anderson, second, Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center.

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Precision Machining: Cody Reed, first place, Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center; Kyle Gordon, second, West Point Career-Technical Center; and Bryant Crosby, third, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center.

Prepared Speech: Termichael Tate, second place, Noxubee County Career-Technical Center.

Quiz Bowl: Leake County Career-Technical Center (AustinAnderton, Joseph Atkison, Nathan Burns, Laurenz Turner and Jessy Withers), first place; A.P. Fatherree Jarvis Miller, Langston Gains and Andrew McDade), third.

Related Technical Math: Douglas Kennedy, first place, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center; Kellen Lang, second, Choctaw County Career-Technical Center; and Bay White, third, Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center.

Residential Wiring: LeKilo White, first place, Wayne County Career-Technical Center; Justin Barrett, second, Scott County Career and Technology Center; and Raheem Gillespie, third, Noxubee County Career-Technical Center.

Sheet Metal: Dusty Burton, first place, Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center; Demond Lockett, second, Noxubee County Career-Technical Center; and Dustin Pinter, third, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center.

Technical Drafting: Austin Malone, first place, A.P. Fatherree Career-Technical Center in Laurel.

Welding: Dale Chancellor, first place, Winston Louisville Career-Technical Center; Christopher Mobbs, second, Smith County Career Center; and Omar Lemus, third, West Point Career-Technical Center.

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Centralettes honored

ECCC Sophomore Centralettes Honored

Sophomore members of the Centralettes, the dance line for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur, were recognized for service during a recent basketball game in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Honorees include (front row, from left) Kasey Logan of Lake, Kelsey Cox of Forest, Emma Burton of Union, Emilee Cox of Forest, Caitlyn Saint of Decatur and Hillary Williams of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Kara Beth Johnson of Morton, Kayla Covington of Louisville, Emily Gully of Louin, Jayohnnie Slaughter of Union and Taylor Gressett of Chunky. Tina Sanders serves as Centralette Coordinator. Hunter Corhern is Director of Bands and Ed Girling is assistant director. (EC Photo)

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County inductees

ECCC PTK Inductees from Winston County

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PTK inductees from Neshoba County

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Members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at East Central Community College in Decatur include (front row, from left) Coach Scott Brock, sponsor; Casie Tadlock of Brandon, president; Nikki Triplett of Forest, Kennon Craft of Clinton, Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville, Mallory Turner of Collinsville, Anna Katherine Nowell of Philadelphia, Skyler Simmons of Madison, Ala.; (second row, from left) Kyron Samuels of Fairhope, Ala., Tyler Armistad of Caledonia, Kennedy Castleberry of Meridian, vice president; Hayley Stephens of Union, Megan Robinson of Louisville, Amber McBroom of Brandon, Chireatha Drummond of Philadelphia, Kenshelsa Boyd of Carthage; and (back row, from left) Cory Kitchens of Laurel, Julian Fuentes of Decatur, Matt Sykes of Columbus, Jordan Walker of Decatur, David Fortenberry of Philadelphia, Makayla Kelly of Nederland, Texas, Christen Benson of Brookhaven, Kendra Wilson of Millport, Ala., Morgan Porter of Enterprise, Ty Buckley of Philadelphia and Karoline Holsonback of Kennedy, Ala. (EC PHOTO)

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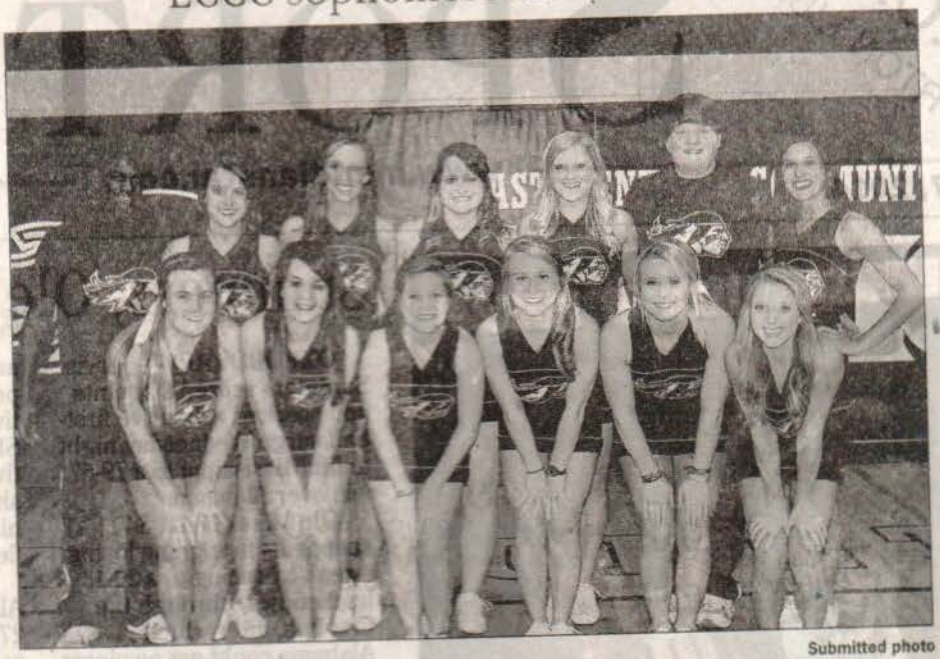
ECCC sophomore cheerleaders



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These sophomore cheerleaders at East Central Community College received special recognition during the season-ending basketball games Thursday, Feb. 20 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus. Honorees and their respective high schools include, front row, from left, Jordan Landry, Newton County; Lindsey McCool, Winston Academy; Heather Johnson, Newton County; Mary Margaret Bailey, Philadelphia; Laken Fulcher, Nanih Waiya; and Kamaran Malone, Leake Academy; back row, David Williams and Madison Stringer, both of Newton County; Payton Smith, Scott Central; Madison Herrington, Union; Hanna Kemp, Leake Academy; Maxey Parker, Noxapater; and Hannah Smith, Leake Academy. Pauline Karcher serves as cheer coach.

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Receives top honors in 'Cabinetmaking' competition

These students received top honors in the "Cabinetmaking" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region 3 held at ECCC in Decatur. From left are Jared Revette, first place, Smith County Career Center; Scottie Neyman, second, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center; and Santrell Ramsey, third, Ross Collins Career-Technical Center in Meridian. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education.

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Top honors

These students received top honors in the "Automotive Service Technology" competition in the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships for Region 3 held at East Central Community College in Decatur. More than 200 area students participated in the annual event. Pictured are, from left, James McLain, first place, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center; Christian White, second, Winston/Louisville Career-Technical Center; and Jakeb Cooksey, third, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center. Also pictured is Wayne Eason, ECCC Director of Workforce Education. The winners advance to state competition scheduled Feb. 25-26 in Jackson. (EC Photo)

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Receive First Chair Honors During ECCC Band Clinic

These local musicians received first chair, first band honors during the 36th annual East Central Community College Invitational Band Clinic held January 31-February 1, 2014, on the Decatur campus. The two-day clinic is the largest band clinic in the College's history with more than 250 musicians participating. The clinic is comprised of first, second and third bands, which include the top musicians from the ECCC's five-county district. The clinic concluded with a concert in Huff Auditorium. Students receiving first chair, first band honors and their respective schools include (front row, from left) Tehearia Campbell (bass clarinet) and Diana Buitrago (baritone saxophone), both of Morton; Kaitlyn Morris (oboe), Sebastopol; Cameron Higgason (contra bass clarinet), Philadelphia; and Nina LaBue (trumpet), Newton County; (second row, from left) Kayla Sudduth (baritone), Morton; Duncan Kinney (tenor saxophone), Neshoba Central; Jena Mazique (clarinet), Morton; Courtney Wells (also saxophone), Neshoba Central; and Louise Berryhill (flute) and Olivia Vaughn (mallets), both of Newton County; and (back row, from left) Caleb Franklin (percussion) and Evan Derrick (trombone), both of Morton; Peyton Foreman (tuba), Newton County; and Anthony Emmons (French horn), Lake. Clinicians for the event included Ms. Elva Kaye Lance, Director of Bands at Mississippi State University in Starkville; Benji McClain, Director of Bands at Hancock High School in Kiln; and Katy Abels, Assistant Director of Bands at Madison Middle School. Hunter Corhern serves as ECCC Director of Bands. Ed Girling serves as Assistant Director of ECCC bands. (EC Photo)

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2014 All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team

State's Top Scholars Honored at Luncheon

All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team Named

Fifty-three Mississippi community and junior college students have been named to the All-Mississippi Community College Academic Team. The All-Mississippi Academic Team recognizes the scholastic achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in community and junior colleges across the state of Mississippi. Fifteen students have been named to the First Team and each will receive a $1,000 scholarship. The All-Mississippi Academic Team will be honored on Wednesday, March 5, at the State Capitol by the Mississippi Legislature, and will be guests of honor at a luncheon held at the Jackson Convention Complex. Senator Terry C. Burton will serve as master of ceremonies.

The All-Mississippi Academic Team program is coordinated by *The Clarion-Ledger*, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the Mississippi Community College Board. Dr. Gary Spears, President, Northwest Mississippi Community College, serves as program chairman.

All-Mississippi Academic Team members were selected following several rounds of judging. Judges included education and business leaders from the Metro-Jackson area and a distinguished panel of representatives from federal agencies and national education associations based in Washington, D.C. Students named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team compete for placement on the national All-USA Community College Academic Team, sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group and presented by *USA TODAY* with additional support provided by the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa. Twenty students named to the national All-USA Community College Academic Team will be featured in the April issue of *USA TODAY*, and each student will receive a $2,500 scholarship. This year, over 1,700 nominations were received for the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition. Mississippi ranks in the top six states in the nation having students named to the national All-USA Community College Academic Team.

The All-Mississippi Academic Team Corporate Sponsors include: Platinum Level: *The Clarion-Ledger*; Gold Level: Hederman Brothers Printing and Service (NEMSCC); Silver Level: Atmos Energy Corporation, Bancorp South, BankPlus, National Awards, Regions Bank, Trustmark Bank, Valley Food Services, Inc., Sodexo (MSDCC); and Bronze Level: Boonevilla Valley Club, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Hancock Bank, Howard Industries, South MS Electric Power Association.

The All-Mississippi Academic Team Four-Year College and University Sponsors include: Platinum Luncheon Sponsor: Millsaps College; Silver Photo Booth Sponsor: William Carey University; Bronze Capitol Educational Forum Sponsor: Mississippi State University; and Contributing Exhibitor Sponsors: Alcorn State University, Belhaven University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi University for Women, University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Delois Boyd
Coahoma Community College
Main Campus
Major: Elementary Education
Career Goal: Teach K-3 Elementary
Accomplishments: 2012 Presidential Award, 2012 English Award, 2012-13 Spanish Club Treasurer, Tutor

Jacob Tarver
Copiah-Lincoln Community College
Wesson Campus
Major: Business Administration
Career Goal: Business Owner of Exercise Facilities
Accomplishments: Dean's Scholarship, Lowery Memorial Scholarship, Mullen Memorial Scholarship, Trailblazers Student Ambassador, VP Phi Theta Kappa Phi Omega Chapter, VP of Campus Ministry, Student Ambassador Faculty

Mary Margaret Bailey
East Central Community College
Main Campus
Major: Nursing
Career Goal: Nurse
Accomplishments: Warrior Corps Student Ambassador President, Student Body Association, Kappa Phi Instructor for the Kappa of Kappa Program, Kappa Program Faculty Advisor, Phi Theta Kappa Phi Omega Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa

Rebecca [illegible]
East Mississippi Community College
Scooba Campus
Major: Pre-Law
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Georgia Bailey Elizabeth Swinford
Hinds Community College
Raymond Campus
Major: Math
Career Goal: Teacher
Accomplishments: MS/LA Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges President Scholar, STEM Leadership Conference & MS Community College Executive Board Chair of Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter Co-President, Student Voices Leaders, Tutor, Adopt a Highway Volunteer

ECCC to present 'Shrek the Musical' April10-12

ECCC's Encore performers will present their spring musical selection, "Shrek the Musical," at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10 through Saturday, April 12, in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by calling the College switchboard at 601-635-6215 or 1-877-462-3222, ext. 215. Group rates are available for 20 or more.

Natalie Emmons, who is serving her first year as "Encore" director, said, "'Shrek the Musical,' based on the DreamWorks Animation motion picture, brings the hilarious story of everyone's favorite ogre to dazzling new life on the stage. In a faraway kingdom turned upside down, things get ugly when an unseemly ogre shows up to rescue a feisty princess. 'Shrek the Musical' is part romance, part twisted fairytale and all around fun for everyone!"

Cast members include Chandler Smith (Shrek), Sam Lovorn (Lord Farquaad), Zach Peden (Pinocchio), Haley Moore (Sugar Plum Fairy), Leah Ferguson (one of the Three Little Pigs), Sarah Hall (White Rabbit), Laney Frasier (Momma Bear), David Fortenberry (Humpty Dumpty), and Leslie Young and Shardae Spears (two of the Dragon "DooWaps"), all of Philadelphia; Ryan Godwin (Donkey), Clint Walker (Lord Farquaad), Hannah Robinson (Fairy Godmother), all of Newton; Claire Griffin (Princess Fiona), Courtney Tillman (Momma Bear), Hannah Brown and Alana Kron (both playing the Mad Hatter), Kirk Griffin (Guard) and Andrea McSwain (one of the Dragon "DooWaps"), all of Decatur; Jayhonnie Slaughter (Dragon) of Union; Haleigh West (Gingy) of Hickory; Charles Taylor (Big Bad Wolf) of Preston; Jonathon Hodge (one of the Three Little Pigs) and Brianna Parkman (Elf), both of Lake; Gloriana Latham (one of the Three Little Pigs) of Morton; Dee Jay Rolison (Peter Pan) of Conehatta; Hannah Mitchell (Ugly Duckling) of Meridian; Bristol Buffington (Wicked Witch) and Kevin Ryals (Papa Ogre), both of Louisville; David Wilson (Poppa Bear) of Collinsville; Dominick Fields (Pied Piper) and Ian Lanthrip (Captain of the Guard), both of Forest; Georgia Doner (Momma Ogre) of Bailey; Danielle Gregory (Queen Lillian) of Little Rock; and Houston Martin (dual roles as King Harold and Thelonius) of Chunky.

Area youngsters playing roles include Karise Parkman (Baby Bear), Tate Emmons (Smurf), Tallie Johnston (Teen Fiona), and Annslee Calhoun (Young Fiona), all of Lake; and McCoy Compton (Young Ogre) of Forest.

Members of the Duloc Dancers include Emily Cook of Carthage; Jordan Lovorn, Kayla Covington and Cara Jackson, all of Louisville; Kara Miller of Decatur; Mackenzie Gannon of Newton; Kelsey Cox and Emily Cox, both of Forest; Kara Yates and Kara Beth Johnson, both of Morton; Kasey Logan of Lake; and Hillary Williams of Philadelphia.

Orchestra members are Emmons, ECCC music keyboard instructor, Emmons, piano; assistant band director Ed Girling, drums; ABE/GED director Ryan Clarke, bass guitar; and guitar instructor Chas Evans, acoustic guitar.

For more information contact Emmons at 601-635-6347 or email nemmons@eccc.edu.

ECCC offers Computer Class in Louisville

Instruction in "Basic Computers and Microsoft Word 2010 – Learn How to Set Up, Edit, and Format Documents" is being offered at East Central Community College's Career Advancement Center located in the old Spartus facility at 921 South Church Street in Louisville.

Class will begin on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 and will meet on Tuesdays AND Thursdays for four consecutive weeks from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cost of the class is $50; the book is included in the cost.

Tofor more information, contact Candy Anderson, Louisville Site Coordinator, Phone 662-773-2292.

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ECCC PARTICIPANTS AT CAPITOL DAY

Special to The Star

Administrators, faculty members and students representing East Central Community College in Decatur were among participants at the recent Capitol Day held at the Mississippi Legislature in Jackson. The annual event is sponsored by the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges (MFACJC) to voice support for the state's 15 community and junior colleges and their efforts to achieve Mid-Level funding. ECCC representatives are shown with area legislators following a press conference in the Capitol Rotunda. Front row, from left, are State Rep. Mike Evans of Preston and ECCC students Zachary Allen and Teylor Martinez (featured student speaker at press conference), both of Louisville; Joseph Aulds of Decatur; Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia; Jenna Lovern of Louisville; and Yashica Ickom of Lake; and State Rep. Randy Rushing of Decatur. Back row, from left, are Dean of Athletics/Personnel Services Chris Harris; faculty members Wanda Hurley and Lynn Selman; ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart; faculty member Sherri Cliburn; Vice President for Instruction Dr. Teresa Houston; and faculty member Christy Ferguson.

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ECCC students visit area Legislators

Students from East Central Community College in Decatur visited several lawmakers during Capitol Day activities held Feb. 25, at the State Legislature in Jackson. The annual event is sponsored by the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges (MFACJC) and includes a Press Conference during which lawmakers and community/junior college representatives voice support to increase funding for the state's two-year colleges. Pictured with Senator Giles Ward, sixth from left, of Louisville and Rep. Mike Evans of Preston, seventh from left, are ECCC students, from left, Courtney Moore of Carthage, Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia. Yashica Icklom of Lake, Matthew Evans of Forest, Joseph Aulds of Decatur, Denzel Clemons of Philadelphia, Zachary Allen and Jenna Lovern, both of Louisville; Maykayla Carson of Newton and Teylor Martinez (featured student speaker at Press Conference) of Louisville. (EC Photo)

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These Forest-Scott County Career & Technology students recently competed and placed at the FBLA District Competition at ECCC. Pictured left to right: Brooke Thrash - 4th Place in Accounting I, Sebastopol; Kerrigan Craig - 2nd Place in Desktop Publishing, Forest; Colby Yarbrough - 2nd Place in Desktop Publishing, Lake; Bailey Brunson - 1st Place in Business Procedures, Sebastopol; Rachel Clay - 2nd Place in Economics; Anthony Emmons - 3rd Place in Computer Applications, Both from Lake; and Hannah Terry - 2nd Place in Computer Problem Solving, Morton. Bailey Brunson will be awarded a half tuition scholarship for four semesters at ECCC. These students will all advance to the FBLA State Competition held in Jackson in April.

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EC musicians make All-Collegiate Band

Several members of the Wall O' Sound Band at East Central Community College in Decatur were recently selected for the Mississippi Community/Junior College Band Association All-Collegiate Band. Honorees and their respective hometowns are (front row, from left) Anna Girling (trombone) and Samantha Farley (clarinet), both of Carthage; and (back row, from left) Matt Graham (trumpet) of Meridian and Chandler Smith (mallets), Zach Peden (saxophone) and Leslie Young (tuba), all of Philadelphia.

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ECCC Art Club raises funds for SMA victim

East Central Community College Art Club president Chelsey Smith of Brandon presents a $500 check to Jeff Horton, president of Stop SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) and his daughter Evie Horton during a recent presentation at the Horton house in Flowood. Also pictured is Chris Brady, ECCC art instructor, who said funds were raised through the sale of the art club's annual Christmas print. Brady said "Stop SMA" is a local non-profit organization based in Flowood that is dedicated to raising money and awareness by hosting events and educating the public about Spinal Muscular Atrophy. SMA is a genetic disease that weakens the muscles, making it difficult or, in most cases, impossible for a person with SMA to move around and do routine physical tasks like getting dressed. "People with SMA may be able to stand when they are very young, but few ever possess the ability to walk. And for those who do, the ability is short-lived." For more information, go to www.stopsma.org.

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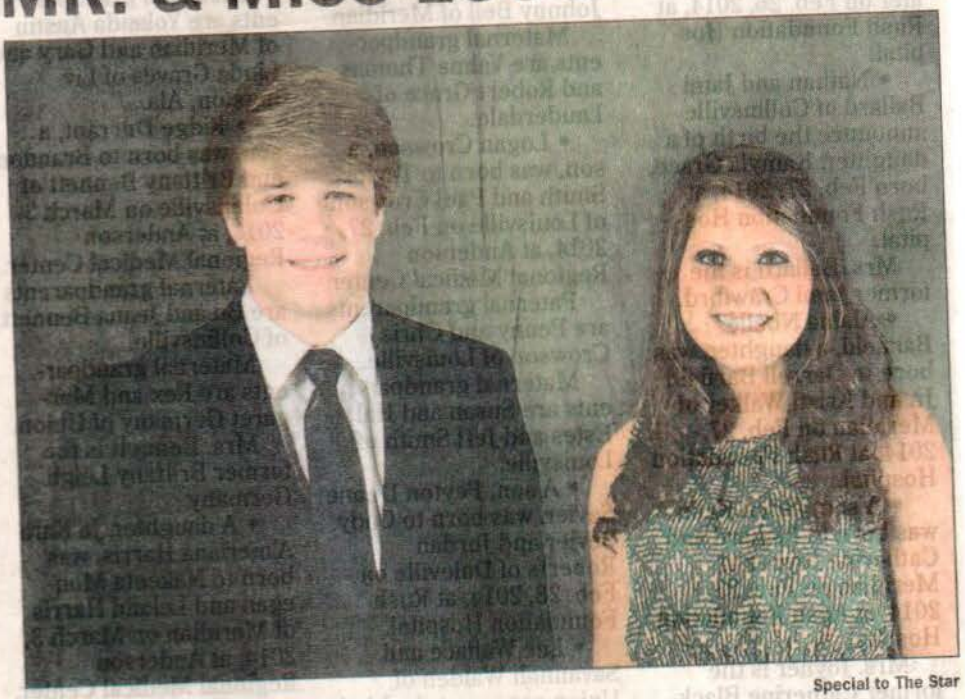

Special to The Star

Luke Viverette of Union and Taylor Gressett of Chunky were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College by a vote of the student body. Viverette, a 2012 graduate of Union High School, is a sports studies/communications major. After receiving his associate's degree at East Central, Viverette plans to continue his education at Mississippi State University and pursue a career in the sports industry. He is the son of Todd and Kim Viverette of Union. Gressett, a 2012 graduate of Newton County High School, is a liberal arts major, but plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and earn a bachelor's degree in nursing before attending the anesthesia school at USM to become a nurse anesthetist. She is the daughter of Kevin and Christy Gressett of Chunky.

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Collegians to rock Decatur

East Central Community College's rock-n-roll band, The Collegians, will present its annual spring campus concert at 7 p.m. Monday, March 31, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The popular group will perform hits by Katy Perry, Daughtry, Pharrell Williams, Passenger and many more. There is no charge for admission and the public is invited to attend. Pictured are (front row, from left) Zach Peden (saxophone) of Philadelphia, Adrian Tucker (trumpet) of Philadelphia, Anna Girling (trombone) of Carthage, Joseph Aulds (drums) of Decatur, Matt Mason (auxiliary percussion) of Union, Malcolm McBride (keyboard)of Auburn, Ala., Houston Martin (bass) of Chunky and Joey Holdiness (guitar) of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) director/guitarist Chas Evans, Kendall Wilcher (technician) of Carthage, Kara Miller (vocals) of Decatur, Krissy Winstead (vocals) of Philadelphia, Jake Wilbourne (vocals) of Forest, Claire Griffin (vocals) of Decatur and Clay Holdiness (technician) of Nanih Waiya; and (back row, from left) Cody Smith (lead technician) of Carthage, Chandler Smith (technician) of Philadelphia, Taylor Gressett (vocals) of Chunky, Jeremy Collins (technician) of Forest, Ryan Godwin (vocals) of Newton, Patrick Embry (technician) of Hickory and Ryan Packer (technician) and Acea Ange (technician), both of Decatur. Not pictured are Macy Seale (vocals) of Philadelphia, Ben Avera (technician) of Hickory and Matt Graham (trumpet) of Lake.

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ECCC Students Visit State Legislature: East Central Community College students were among pa ticipants at Capitol Day held Feb. 25, 2014, at the State Legislature in Jackson and spo sored by th Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges (MFACJC). Students and other re resentatives of the state's two-year colleges along with several lawmakers participated in a Pres Conference in the Capitol Rotunda to voice support for the colleges and their efforts to achieve Mi Level funding. College students also had an opportunity to visit with area legislators. In the abov photo, State Senator Terry C. Burton (center) of Newton is shown with ECCC students (from lef Courtney Moore of Carthage, Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia, Yashica Ickom of Lake, Matthew Evan of Forest, Joseph Aulds of Decatur, ECCC faculty member Marc McCool; Teylor Martinez (featured st dent speaker at Press Conference), Denzel Clemons of Philadelphia, Zachary Allen and Jenna Lover both of Louisville; and Maykayla Carson of Newton. (EC Photo)

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NEWS BRIEFS

Local students to participate in ECCC Collegians concert set for Monday, March 31

DECATUR — East Central Community College's rock-n-roll band, "The Collegians," will present its annual spring campus concert at 7 p.m. Monday, March 31 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

There is no charge for admission and the public is invited to attend.

The popular group will perform hits by Katy Perry, Daughtry, Pharrell Williams, Passenger and many more.

Vocalists include ***Jake Wilbourne of Forest***, Kara Miller and Claire Griffin, both of Decatur; Macy Seale of Philadelphia; Ryan Godwin of Newton and Taylor Gressett of Chunky.

Wind and rhythm section members include drummer Joseph Aulds of Decatur, auxiliary percussionist Matt Mason of Union, saxophonist Zack Peden, guitarist Joey Holdiness and trumpeter Adrian Tucker, all of Philadelphia; trombonist Anna Girling of Carthage; bass guitarist Houston Martin of Chunky, trumpeter ***Matt Graham of Lake***; and keyboardist Malcolm McBride of Auburn, Ala.

Technicians are Kendall Wilcher and Cody Smith, both of Carthage, Clay Holdiness of Nanih Waiya, Chandler Smith of Philadelphia, Jeremy Collins of Forest, Patrick Embry and Ben Avera, both of Hickory; and Ryan Packer and Acea Ange, both of Decatur.

Music instructor Chas Evans serves as director/guitarist.

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All-state band members

Six members of the Wall O' Sound Band at East Central Community College have been selected for the Mississippi Community/Junior College Band Association All-Collegiate Band. Honorees and their hometowns are, from left, front, Anna Girling, trombone, and Samantha Farley, clarinet, both of Carthage; back, Matt Graham, trumpet, of Meridian, and Chandler Smith, mallets, Zach Peden, saxophone, and Leslie Young, tuba, all of Philadelphia.

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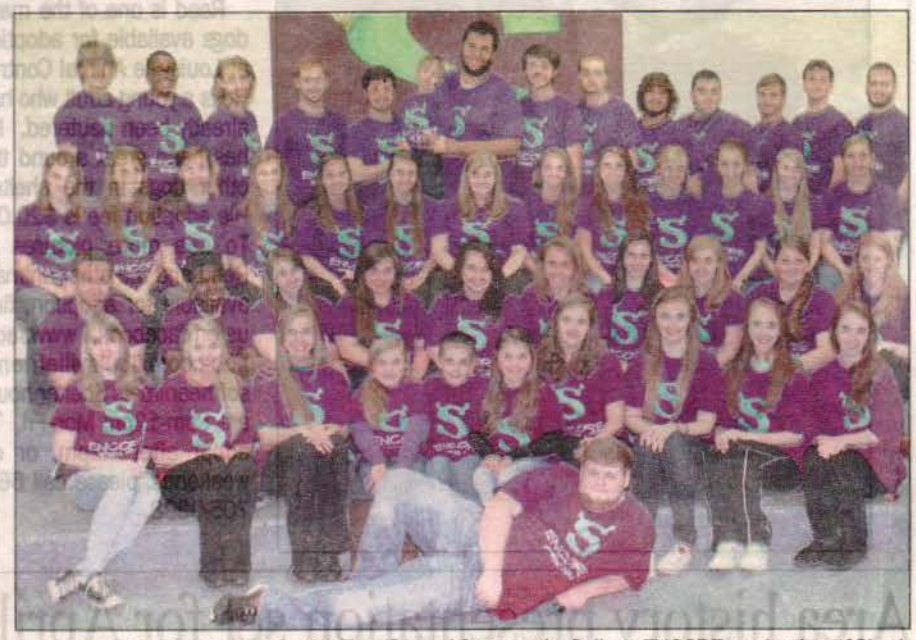
Shrek at EC



Above are cast members for the East Central Community College ENCORE production of Shrek the Musical scheduled April 7-12 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Decatur campus. Matinee performances begin at 9 a.m. April 7-11 (Monday through Friday). Evening performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. April 10-12 (Thursday through Saturday). Shrek the Musical (lyrics by David Lindsey-Abaire and music by Jeanine Tesori) brings the hilarious story of everyone's favorite ogre to dazzling new life on the stage. The presentation is part romance, part twisted fairytale, and all-around fun for the entire family! The talented cast includes (in front) Chandler Smith (as Shrek) of Philadelphia; (first row, from left) Bristol Buffington, El Paso, Texas; Jordan Lovorn, Louisville; Mackenzie Gannon, Decatur; Annslee Calhoun, Lake; McCoy Compton, Forest; Karise Parkman, Lake; Claire Griffin and Alana Kron, both of Decatur; Cara Jackson, Louisville; and Emily Cook, Carthage; (second row, from left) Deejay Rolison, Conehatta; Charles Taylor, Philadelphia; Brianna Parkman, Lake; Anna Girling, Carthage; Courtney Tillman, Decatur; Tallie Johnston, Lake; Leah Ferguson, Philadelphia; Hannah Robinson, Union; Georgia Doner, Bailey; and Hailey Mitchell, Meridian; Gloriana Latham and Kara Beth Johnson, both of Morton; Kayla Covington, Nanih Waiya; Emilee Cox and Kelsey Cox, both of Forest; Kasey Logan, Lake; Laney Frasier, Carthage; Hannah Brown, Decatur; Hailey Moore, Carthage; Haleigh West, Hickory; Sarah Hall, Philadelphia; Danielle Gregory, Little Rock; and Kara Yates, Morton; and (fourth row, from left) David Wilson, Collinsville; Dominick Fields, Forest; Sam Lovorn, Philadelphia; Ryan Godwin, Newton; Zach Peden, Philadelphia; Tate Emmons, Lake; David Fortenberry, Philadelphia; Jonathan Hodge, Lake; Kirk Griffin, Union; Ian Lanthrip, Forest; Conor Bell, Carthage; Clint Walker, Newton; Nathan Williams, Union; and Houston Martin III, Edinburg. Not pictured are Jayohnnie Slaughter of Union and Hillary Williams of Philadelphia. ECCC music instructor Natalie Emmons serves as director. Tickets are $10 for the evening performances. For more information, contact Emmons at 601-635-6347 or email nemmons@eccc.edu.

ECCC Choir, ac'cets to hold Auditions

The East Central Community College Concert Choir and Ac'cents show choir will hold auditions at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 2014, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur Campus, announced director Vicki Blaylock.

"We will check the vocal range and music reading ability of those trying out for both groups. In addition, students auditioning for Ac'cents will need to have a prepared solo and will be taught a dance when they arrive."

Members of the Concert Choir receive half tuition scholarships and those selected for Ac'cents receive a full tuition scholarship.

For more information contact Blaylock at 601-635-6225 or email vblaylock@eccc.edu.

WEEK OF March 30, 2014

ECCC Skills winners

East Central Community College students received honors at the annual Mississippi SkillsUSA and Leadership Conference in Jackson. Award winners include, from left, first row, Ashton Graham of Little Rock, third place, job skills demonstration A; Sheneka Spivey of McCool, first place, food and beverage service; Danni Calliham of Raleigh and Charqulla Hill of Carthage, third place, promotional bulletin board; second row, Trevor Graham of Decatur, third place, welding fabrication; Brandon Weaver of Forest, third place, welding sculpture; Nathan Griffin of Union, third place, diesel technology; Chauncy Griffin of Morton, third place, precision machining; third row, Haden Austin Bozeman of Carthage, second place, CNC turning, and Jake Boatner of Philadelphia, third place, welding Fabrication; fourth, Blake Faulkner of Carthage, first place, carpentry; Jay Riser of Forest, first place, cabinetmaking; Zach Yates of Decatur, third place, CNC milling; JJ Chesnut of Philadelphia, third place, welding fabrication; and William Milner of Lena, third place, residential wiring.

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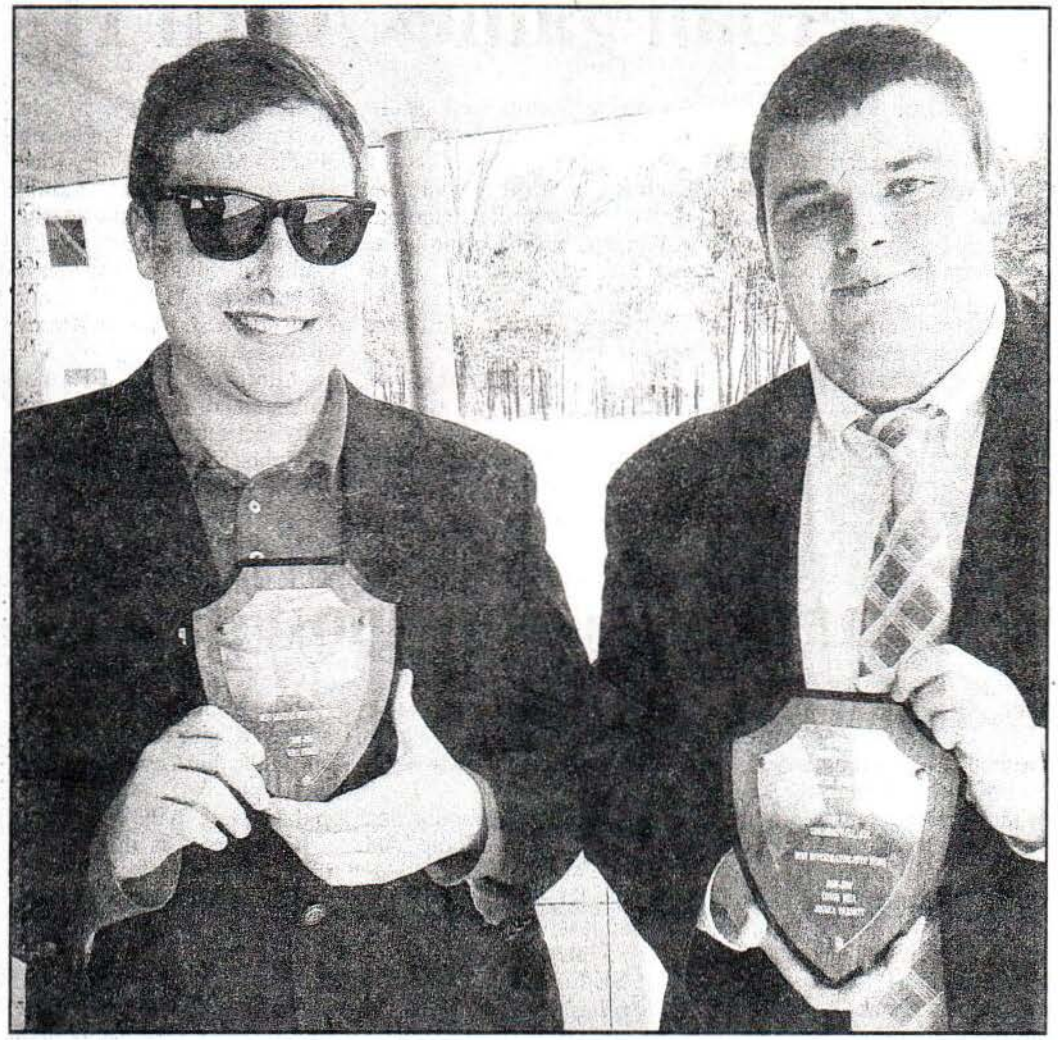

Better Newspaper Competition

The Tom-Tom, the student newspaper at East Central Community College, received second place in General Excellence at the Better Newspaper Competition Student Division, hosted by the Mississippi Press Association. William Stokes, left, won first place winner in the General Interest category. Conor Bell, right, won first place winner of the investigative news category. Stokes graduated from Neshoba Central High School. He is the son of James and Susan Walker-Stokes. He is the 2013-2014 Tom-Tom Opinions Editor and contributing writer to the Wo-He-Lo. Bell graduated from Leake Central High School. He is the son of Robert and Sherry Bell of Carthage. He is the 2013-2014 Editor of the Wo-He-Lo., EC's yearbook. After graduating this May, Stokes will attend Delta State University as a political science major. Bell will attend Mississippi College as a music major.

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ECCC Choir to Present Concert April 22

The East Central Community College Concert Choir will present its annual spring campus concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Musical selections include "It Is Well With My Soul" arr. By Larson, "My Good Lord's Done Been Here" by Thomas, "When Music Sounds" by Dickau, "Exsultate Justi" by Viadana and "Gloria" by Bass.

Vicki Blaylock serves as director and Natalie Emmons is the accompanist.

Choir members and their respective hometowns include Jordan Alonso and Taylor Gressett, both of Chunky; Joseph Aulds, Kelli Boulton, Hannah Brown, Kaitlyn Dean, Katy Ezelle, Claire Giffin, Kirk Griffin, Alana Kron, Andrea McSwain, Ryan Mott, Adam Porter, Caitlyn Sant, Tyler Spence, Courtney Tillman and Jesse Vaughn, all of Decatur; Raven Bane, Ashley Bozeman, Tiffany Dorman, Jessie Hennington, Jayohnnnie Slaughter, Adrian Tucker, Mallory Wilkerson and Nathan Williams, all of Union; Conor Bell and Anna Girling, both of Carthage;

Heather Bradley, Hannah Clark, Leah Ferguson, David Fortenberry, Sarah Hall, Sam Lovorn, Zach Peden, Chandler Smith and Leslie Young, all of Philadlephia; Georgia Doner, Bailey; Courtney Elliot, Danielle Gregory, Lacye Harrison and Eli Parker, all of Little Rock; Rebecca Faron and Chelsey Smith, both of Brandon; Dominick Fields, Jenny Grove and Kimberly Rigby, all of Forest; Julian Fuentes, MacKenzie Gannon, Ryan Godwin, Hannah Robinson and Danielle Shelley, all of Newton;

Matt Graham, Jonathan Hodge, Kasey Logan and Brianna Parkman, all of Lake; Grayson Harrell, Gloriana Latham, Jessica Stinson Smith and Kara Yates, all of Morton; Danette Harris, Caledonia; Samantha Hill, Cara Jackson, Corey Jackson and Jordan Lovorn, all of Louisville; Shelby Horn, Emily Jacome-Cluff, Katherine Jacome-Cluff, Makenzie Rowzee and Haleigh West, all of Hickory; Hannah Kersgaard, Walnut Grove; Tabitha LaBue and Dee Jay Rolison, both of Conehatta; Rachel Laird and Hannah Mitchell, both of Meridian; Ian Lanthrip, Sebastopol; and Houston Martin, Edinburg.

For more information, contact Blaylock at 601-635-6225 or e-mail vblaylock@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF April 13, 2014

ECCC announces 2014-2015 Cheerleaders

East Central Community College in Decatur recently announced members of the 2014-2015 Cheerleading Squad following tryouts held on the Decatur campus.

Cheerleaders and their respective high schools include Shelby Renee Hemphill and Hunter Brown, both of Leake Academy; Lauren Coward, Layne Lepard and Cody Warner, all of Neshoba Central; Alana Kron, Adam Porter and Mak Rowzee, all of Newton County; Natalie Lyles, Newton County Academy; Keri Ann Mayfield, Union; Warner Parkes, Nanih Waiya; Katlyn Patrick and Lauren Peterson, both of Forest; and Madison Taylor Pettigrew and Kaitlin Smith, both of Scott Central.

Pauline Karcher serves as cheerleader sponsor.

For more information, contact Karcher at pkarcher@eccc.edu or by calling the college's athletic department at 601-635-6310.

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WEEK OF April 6, 2014

Shrek' is a sell-out

'it Orchestra members for the East Central Community :NCORE production of "Shrek the Musical" are (from :ft) staff members Natalie Emmons, pianist and director; 'd Girling, percussionist; Ryan Clarke, bass guitarist; and 'has Evans, rhythm guitarist. The spring musical runs hrough April 12 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the)ecatur campus. Tickets have all been sold for the five natinee and three evening performances.

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Sophomore recital set at ECCC

These East Central Community College music students will present their sophomore recital at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in the Vickers Fine Arts Building Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The public is invited to attend and there is no charge for admission. From left are Samantha Farley (clarinet) who will present "Four Seasons-Mvt. III (Winter)" by Vivaldi and "Time Pieces" by Muczynski; Leslie Young (tuba) who will present "Sonata No. 1" by Benedetto Marcello and "Suite" by Vanclav Nelhybel; and Matthew Graham (trumpet) who will perform "Andante Et Allegro" by Guy Ropartz and "Hummel Trumpet Concerto." Farley and Young are both graduates of Neshoba Central High School and Graham is a product of Lake High School.

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WEEK OF April 6, 2014

GED diplomas

These Winston County residents received high school equivalency diplomas during the semi-annual GED Graduation ceremony held March 20, 2014, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Graduates and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Brittany McClendon, Latundria Miller, Ashley Mays and Debra Triplett, all of Louisville; and (back row, from left) Martez Hopkins, Tatyana Coleman, LaTonia Johnson, Ella Mae Taylor and Kalongin Logan, all of Louisville. Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, served as guest speaker. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart awarded diplomas to graduates. Other program participants included Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake, Vice President for Instruction Dr. Teresa Houston, and ABE/GED instructor Bryan Burt. ECCC offers free ABE/GED-Preparation classes throughout the College's five-county district. For more information on ECCC's Adult Basic Education/GED Program, contact Ryan Clarke, program director, 601-635-6387 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 387. His e-mail address is rclarke@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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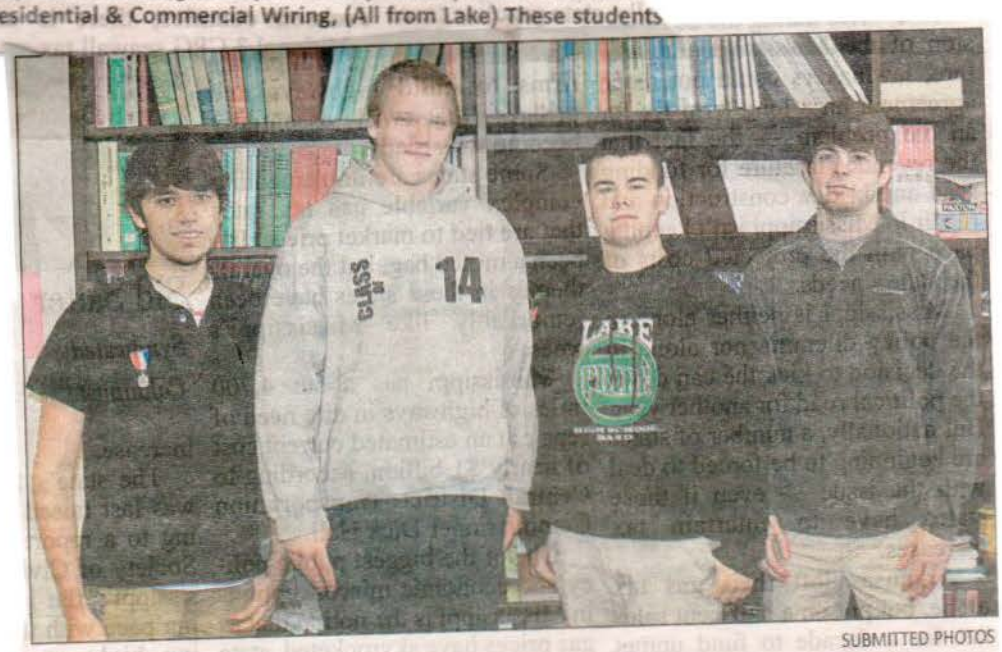
These Forest-Scott County Career and Technology students recently competed and placed at
Kennedy - first place in Technical Related Math, Scott Central; and Jakeb Cooksey - third place in
four semesters at ECCC. (ABOVE RIGHT) From left to right: Bryant Crosby - third place in Precision
rett - second Place in Electrical and Residential & Commercial Wiring, (All from Lake) These students



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the Skills USA District Competition at ECCC. (ABOVE LEFT) Seated from left to right: Douglas
Automotive Services, Lake. Douglas Kennedy will be awarded a half tuition scholarship for
Machining; Zachary Emmons and Shawn Fisher - third place in Masonry; and Justin Bar-
advanced to the Skills USA State Competition held in Jackson.

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WEEK OF April 16, 2014

Neshoba Countians receive GED diplomas

These Neshoba County residents received high school equivalency diplomas during the semi-annual GED Graduation ceremony held March 20, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Graduates and their respective hometowns include front, from left, Preston Foster, Lindsey Giles, Nate Bowen, Landon Dupree, Ashley Brown and Shakena Hughes, all of Philadelphia; and back, Brittany Rowell, Abby Fulton, Tatyana Fox, Nykia Ford, Brittany Bagwell and Lakeisha Thomas, all of Philadelphia. Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, served as guest speaker. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart awarded diplomas to graduates. Other program participants included Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake, Vice President for Instruction Dr. Teresa Houston, and ABE/GED instructor Bryan Burt. ECCC offers free ABE/GED-Preparation classes throughout the College's five-county district. For more information on ECCC's Adult Basic Education/GED Program, contact Ryan Clarke, program director, 601-635-6387 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 387. His e-mail address is rclarke@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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ECCC students visit state legislature

East Central Community College students were among participants at Capitol Day held Feb. 25, at the State Legislature in Jackson and sponsored by the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges (MFACJC). Students and other representatives of the state's two-year colleges along with several lawmakers participated in a Press Conference in the Capitol Rotunda to voice support for the colleges and their efforts to achieve Mid-Level funding. State Senator Terry C. Burton, center, of Newton is shown with ECCC students, from left, Courtney Moore of Carthage, Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia, Yashica Ickom of Lake, Matthew Evans of Forest, Joseph Aulds of Decatur, ECCC faculty member Marc McCool; Teylor Martinez (featured student speaker at Press Conference), Denzel Clemons of Philadelphia, Zachary Allen and Jenna Lovern, both of Louisville; and Maykayla Carson of Newton. (EC Photo)

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ECCC GED recipients

Six Leake County residents received high school equivalency diplomas during recent GED graduation ceremonies at East Central Community College. Graduates include, from left, front, Alyson Reed, Madden; Debbie Rogers, Walnut Grove; Hannah McGuire, Carthage; back, Terrell Moorehead, Walnut Grove; Robert Oliphant, Carthage; and Desiree Quick of Denham Springs, La., formerly of Carthage.

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WEEK OF April 26, 2014

Sophomore recital set

These East Central Community College music students will present their sophomore recital at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in the Vickers Fine Arts Building Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The public is invited to attend and there is no charge for admission. From left are Conor Bell (piano) of Carthage, who will present "Waltz in C# Minor" by Chopin and "Prelude in G Major" by Bach; Clint Walker (tenor) of Newton performing "Love Went A Riding" by Frank Bridge and "Per La Gloria d'adoravi" by Bononcini; Samuel Lovorn (baritone) of Philadelphia who will present "Vergil Tutt' Amor" by Francesco Durante, "La Bloma" by Vradier and "Bubble Boogie" by Jack Fina; and Chandler Smith of Philadelphia (percussion/tenor) who will perform "Tambourin Chinois" by Kreisler/Green, "South Kolora" by Alex Stopa, "Purdicesti, O bocci Bella" by Lotti, "Go Lovely Rose" by Quilter and "Horses On A Red Dirt Trail" by C. Bell.

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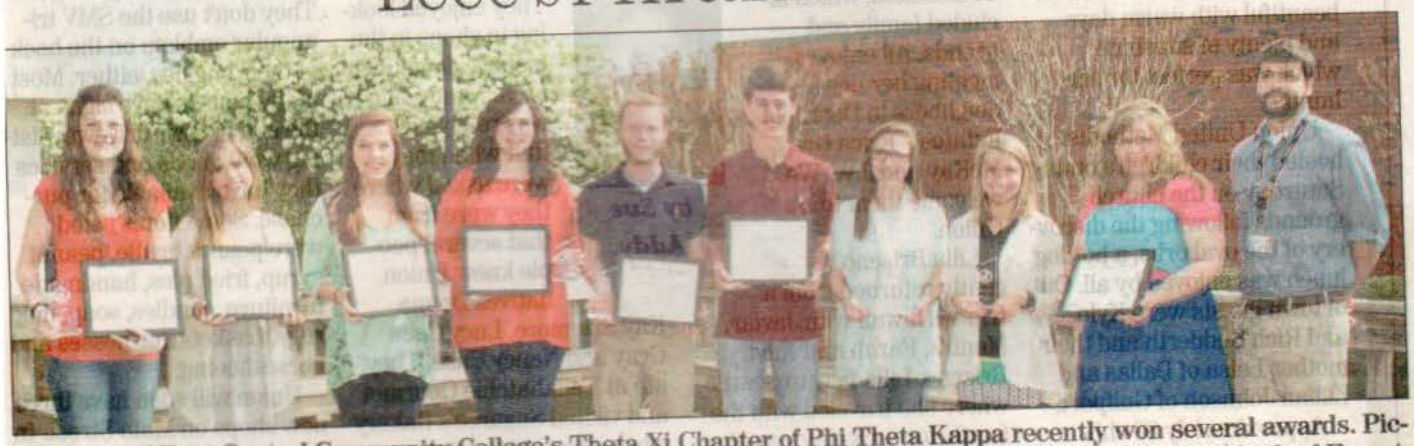
ECCC's PTK earns awards



Members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently won several awards. Pictured are Kristen Gordy, left, vice president for fellowship, and Jenny Grove, vice president for service, both of Forest; Lauren Cantey of Collinsville, vice president for leadership; Allison Johnson of Philadelphia, reporter; Jacob Oliver of Little Rock; Zach Allen of Louisville; Amber Williams of Morton, vice president for scholarship; Mary Margaret Bailey, outgoing Theta Xi president, and Bridgette McFarland, webmaster, both of Philadelphia. Also pictured is advisor Chris Ryals.

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Members of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, are shown displaying awards received during the annual Mississippi/Louisiana Region competition held March 21-23 at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

Theta Xi was named a Five Star Chapter, received a first place award for Honors in Action Theme 6 and ninth place overall for the Honors In Action category; second place in College Project for Team Twocan, a mentoring project at Lake Elementary; and fourth place for Distinguished Chapter in the region.

In addition, Jacob Oliver of Little Rock was named to the prestigious Order of the Golden Key and Zach Allen of Louisville, Theta Xi President, was elected Region President.

Advisors Chris Ryals, Jenna Wright and Amanda Walton also received the Horizon Award for Advisors.

Theta Xi competed against 43 chapters in the Mississippi/Louisiana region.

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WEEK OF April 20, 2014

East Central art show scheduled

The East Central Community College Student Art Association will host a reception to showcase the Spring 2014 Student Art Exhibition.

The reception will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the lobby of the Vickers Fine Arts Center in Decatur.

The exhibition will include works from students enrolled in design, drawing, painting and three-dimensional design classes.

Refreshments will be provided by Culinary Arts Technology Instructor Barry Karrh and students.

The exhibit will be on display through Friday, May 2.

Students whose work will be featured include Carlee Gainey and Clay Summer-Jones, both of Walnut Grove; Bristol Buffington, Louisville; Deeanna Carlson, Newton; Casey Cherry and Jasmine Lombard, both of Union; John Hausley and Jessica Skinner, both of Philadelphia; Matthew Pennnypacker, Pelahatchie; Abbey Rigdon, Little Rock; Chelsey Smith, Brandon; and Elizabeth Taflinger, Lake.

For more information, telephone Chris Brady at 601-635-6229 or email cbrady@eccc.edu.

EC to host MLB skills competition

East Central Community College will host a free Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run competition Sunday, April 27, on the Decatur campus.

Boys and girls are divided into four age divisions and have the chance to advance through four levels of competition, including team championships and MLB parks and the National Finals at the 2014 MLB All-Star Game.

For questions concerning the competition, contact EC baseball coach Neal Holliman at 601-635-6374 or by email at nholliman@eccc.edu.

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ECCC Ac'cents To Present Concert May 1

Members of the East Central Community College show choir, The Ac'cents, will present their fall campus concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Decatur campus. There is no charge for admission and the public is invited to attend.

This year's music includes "Shake, Shake, Shake" by KC and the Sunshine Band, "If You Don't Know Me By Now" by the Temptations, "Suit and Tie" by Justin Timberlake, "Respect" by Aretha Franklin and "Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson.

Performers and their respective hometowns include Kara Miller and Claire Griffin, both of Decatur; Zach Peden, Sam Lovorn and Chandler Smith, all of Philadelphia; Krissy Winstead and Jayohnnie Slaughter, both of Union; Mak Rowzee of Hickory, Ryan Godwin of Newton, Dee Jay Rolison of Conehatta, Taylor Gressett of Chunky and Houston Martin of Edinburg.

The Ac'cents perform throughout the ECCC district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties, as well as various community events and campus concerts.

For more information contact director Vicki Blaylock at 601-635-6225 or e-mail vblaylock@eccc.edu.

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Students receive GED certificates

These Newton County residents received high school equivalency diplomas during the semi-annual GED Graduation ceremony held March 20 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Graduates and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Jade Ratcliff; Little Rock; Layla Smith, Hickory; Beatrice Moore and Terri Giblin, both of Newton; and Sara Pellegrin, Hickory; (second row, from left) Trey Dennis, Lawrence; Timothy Graham, Decatur; Jeffery Stevens, Newton; Kasie Farmer, Chunky; and Daniel Gainey, Union; and (back row, from left) Cole Goss, Cody Stephens, Ronald Farmer, Mark Farmer and Willis Brown, all of Newton. Eric Clark, executive director of the Mississippi Community College Board, served as guest speaker. ECCC President Billy Stewart awarded diplomas to graduates. Other program participants included Board of Trustees Chairman Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake, Vice President for Instruction Teresa Houston and ABE/GED instructor Bryan Burt. ECCC offers free ABE/GED-preparation classes throughout the college's five-county district. For more information on ECCC's Adult Basic Education/GED Program, contact 601-635-6387 or email rclarke@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF May 9, 2014

ECCC PBL state award winners

These East Central Community College students took top honors during the annual Pl
Lambda State Leadership Conference held Friday, March 28, 2014, on the camp
Mississippi University for Women in Columbus. Advisor Christy Ferguson said, "For th
time ever, all 13 PBL participants placed first at the state conference and advance to r
al competition scheduled June 25-28, in Nashville, Tenn." In addition, Theta Chi Chapt
one of only two chapters in the state to receive recognition as a Gold Seal Chapter an
also recognized for its fundraising efforts for the March of Dimes. First place winner
their respective categories include front row, from left, Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia,
Service and Small Business Management Plan; Yashica Ickom of Lake; Inte
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Ethics and Desktop Publishing; and Jessie Boatner, Local Chapter Annual Business P

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WEEK OF May 4, 2014

EC students named to All-Mississippi academic team

From school reports

East Central Community College sophomores Mary Margaret Bailey of Philadelphia and Jacob Oliver of Little Rock were recently named on the 2014 All-Mississippi Community College Academic Teams.

The teams recognize scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's two-year colleges.

Bailey was one of 15 students named to the First Team and will receive a $1,000 scholarship. Recipients of the prestigious honor compete for placement on the national All-USA Community College Academic Team.

Bailey, a President's List scholar with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, holds various leadership positions and is involved in numerous campus activities.

She serves as president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges; is co-president of the Warrior Corps, a select group of students selected to represent the college at recruiting endeavors and special events; and serves as sophomore class vice president.

Bailey is also involved in the Baptist Student Union. She serves as Women's Bible Study Leader, Council member and assists with publicity.

She is also a member of the President's Council and cheerleading squad.

Bailey was selected Maid of Honor on the 2013 Homecoming Court and was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.

She is also involved in numerous community service projects. She served as assistant art instructor for the Summer of Arts Program and was a camp counselor for the Centri-Kid Church Group. In addition, she also served as director of Christmas plays.

Bailey, a 2012 honor graduate of Philadelphia High School, is the daughter of David and Dee Dee Bailey of Philadelphia.

Bailey plans to pursue a nursing degree at Mississippi University for Women.

Oliver was named to the All-Mississippi Academic Second Team.

He is also a President's List Scholar with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Oliver serves as vice president of leadership for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and is vice president of the Astronomy Club. In addition, he serves as secretary/treasurer of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers."

He is also a member of the Baptist Student Union and Environmental Club.

He was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.

Oliver is a 2012 honor graduate of Newton County High School.

His parents are Amy and Brian Oliver of Little Rock.

Oliver plans to major in chemical engineering at Mississippi State University in Starkville.

The All-Mississippi Academic Team program is coordinated by The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the Mississippi Community College Board.

Bailey

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Students named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team compete for placement on the national All-USA Community College Academic Team, sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group, presented by USA Today and additional support provided by the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa.

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ECCC Graduation scheduled May 10 at Neshoba Coliseum

More than 450 graduates are scheduled to receive diplomas Saturday, May 10, 2014, when East Central Community College holds its 85th Commencement beginning at 11 a.m. in the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Included in the total are those who completed degree requirements following the 2013 summer and fall terms, according to Dr. Teresa Houston, Vice President for Instruction.

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MERIDIAN: Christopher E. Ford, Ashley Green and Annatrice K. Pringle;

MORTON: Anna Boyd and Betty J. Tucker;

NEWTON: Latoria Sheniese Blaylock, Seth Cash, Nikisha R. Gibson, Leah Humphreys, Monica Lynn Russell, Cassidy Maree' Tasker, Deborah J. Williams;

NOXAPATER: Jamone Jashay Moore and Haley White.

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Dr. Houston will present candidates for graduation and College President Dr. Billy W. Stewart will award degrees and certificates to the following:

Local CANDIDATES FOR MAY GRADUATION

LOUISVILLE: Angie Michelle Ball, Dianne Ball, Chiquita S. Chambers, Kayla Nicole Covington, Hayden Fryery, Laken Nicole Fulcher, Audrey Suzanne Griffin, Kaylin Hopkins, Elizabeth Dawn Hurt, Holly Jones, Marcio Bernard Jordan II, Bria Nicole Marshall, Teylor E. Martinez, Lisa Miller Massey, Lindsey Dee McCool, Kelsey D. Nowell, Morgan Kate Parkes and Kiarah Steward;

MABEN: James Tyson Hendrix;

MACON: Ty-Neisa Mickens;

NOXAPATER: John W. Bane, Jr. and Alyse Webb;

PRESTON: Blake Wilkinson;

Local DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES

LOUISVILLE: Rebecca Gwendolyn Estes, Joshua Jones, Nakia Miller, Gloria Jean Moore and Montana Thomason;

NOXAPATER: Brandon Coleman

PRESTON: Josten Jeneeko Day and Martin Johnson;

AUGUST 2013 GRADUATES

LOUISVILLE: Charlotte Michelle Carter, Kenisha Carter-Gladney, Brecia Hornesbuger and Denisha Michelle Jones;

*MABEN: Jordan Mixon;

ECCC's Allen elected PTK Regional President

East Central Community College freshman Zachary Allen of Louisville was elected President of the Mississippi/Louisiana Region of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college.

Elections were held during the group's annual convention held March 21-23 at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

Allen was earlier selected incoming President of ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and will serve concurrently in both positions during his sophomore year.

"I decided to run for regional president because I felt that I could better engage myself to better serve my community not only on East Central's campus but throughout the Mississippi/Louisiana Region," Allen said. "I am looking forward to developing projects to serve my community. I plan to lead Theta Xi to be the Distinguished Chapter of the Region and to make our regional chapter the Most Distinguished Chapter internationally."

Amanda Walton, Theta Xi co-adviser, said, "We decided to run Zach for president and his speech was nothing short of amazing! He spoke of how our chapter was going places, not unlike our college, which was just named the 23rd fast growing community college in the nation.

"This opportunity to represent the Mississippi/Louisiana region as President is the first stepping stone for Theta Xi to be the Most Distinguished Chapter in the world by doing things the EC way: Excellence with Class."

Allen is a 2013 honor graduate of Winston Academy, where he was named to the Hall of Fame and received the Citizenship Award. He also received the Citizenship and Spanish Awards, was a Boys' State Delegate and was selected Most Intellectual and Most Likely to Succeed during Who's Who elections.

He served as Senior Class president and was a member of the Honor Society, Gazette staff, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and tennis and track teams. He served as captain of the Quiz Bowl team and was named 2013 MAIS AA Outstanding Honor Society Member.

At East Central, he is a member of Warrior Corps and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Allen has served on the Mayor's Youth Council, volunteered for the Boys and Girls Club and the Winston County Library, received a Presidential Community Service Award, and has been involved in many local, state and national political campaigns.

He is a member of the South Louisville Baptist Church Youth Group and placed superior in the Mississippi Southern Baptist Association Bible Drills.

Allen

Along with Walton, Jenna Wright and Chris Ryals also serve as Theta Xi advisers.

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ECCC Hall of Famer

Conor Bell, center, has been inducted into the East Central Community College Hall of Fame. Bell, with his father, Robert Bell, and mother, Sherry Bell, is a graduate of Leake Central High School, a President's List scholar with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, editor of the *Wo-He-Lo* yearbook for 2013-14, a staffer on *The Tom-Tom* newspaper staff, secretary of the President's Council, student director of ENCORE's production of "Shrek," a member of the Wall O'Sound Marching Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and Concert Choir, a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the EC Players drama club, a selection for Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges, and a recipient of Presidential, Coach Ken Pouncey, ATCO Loan and ACT scholarships.

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ECCC taps top students in ceremony

East Central Community College recently hosted awards day ceremonies.

Recipients of healthcare education awards included Vicki Brown of Carthage, practical nursing.

An Alumni Memorial Award was presented Matthew Aaron Tucker of Carthage.

Faculty Memorial Awards were presented to Houston Martin of Edinburg, Conor Bell of Carthage, and Caleb Woods of Carthage , co-recipient of the Jamie Clark Memorial Baseball Award.

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Bailey encourages fellow ECCC graduates

Special to The Star

Addressing her fellow graduates at East Central Community College's 85th Commencement held Saturday at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia, Mary Margaret Bailey of Philadelphia said she learned the true value of community at ECCC and how important it is.

"Searching for answers (at ECCC) led me to find my greatest asset I could have ever imagined. I found a community. I found people who I could relate to, people who truly cared."

Bailey began her remarks by reminding her fellow graduates and commencement ceremony attendees to "rejoice always not just when things seem to be going your way."

"'Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice.' Paul states this in Philippians 4:4. This verse means to rejoice while staying up too late and driving to Waffle House. It means to rejoice while studying numerous hours on end. It means to rejoice in times of worry and anxiety that we college kids tend to face on a daily basis. It means to rejoice over your good grades and the bad. It means to rejoice in the happiest of occasions and even on the nights when you feel like you just need to cry. This verse reminds us to rejoice in times of uncertainty when we feel like we are not sure what may happen next."

Bailey, an ECCC Hall of Fame member, continued by commending her fellow classmates and thanking them and her family and friends.

"... to the Class of 2014, congratulations for making it here today. Thank you for your hard work and determination. I hope that each of you will continue on this path. Know that walking across this stage does not make you successful. Your true success is determined by how you live your life and who you are living it for. I pray that you will always seek wisdom from the word of God rather than the words of man. James 1:5 states, 'If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.'"

Bailey reminded her fellow classmates that following graduation, they will all once again, be faced with those same life questions and feelings of being lost as they have in the past when beginning a new chapter of their lives.

"But I know that there will always be something else to do, somewhere else to go, someone new to meet. There is beauty in not knowing what is going to happen next. It gives me a hope for my future and a reassurance that I have God to rely on to take care of each and every step because He's always one step ahead. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 says, 'But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.' Therefore, the more struggles I face, the more glory He receives."

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Mary Margaret Bailey addresses her fellow graduates at East Central Community College's 85th Commencement held Saturday at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

She concluded her remarks with the following thoughts on her journey at ECCC.

"Through my feelings of being lost, I have learned so much. I learned that I have to be patient because answers require searching and listening and waiting. I learned that I need to have faith in God and to seek His wisdom in every aspect of my life. I learned that life is not about me and in order to never forget that, I need to always stop and help others. I learned to adapt to the situations at hand but not compromise my values. I learned that I will not always know the answer and I am glad because if I did, I would not know anything about faith or trust or hope. I learned that I always have an opportunity to tell someone about the love of Christ and that I must never cease to tell others about His grace and mercy. I have learned that it is okay to be a little lost because I know that I am never alone and I must rely on the Lord to help me make it through life's mysteries. I have learned to always rejoice."

In addition to Bailey, those participating in the program include graduating sophomores Matthew Evans of Forest, who gave the invocation; and Chelsea Campbell of Forest, benediction. Clint Walker of Newton presented the musical selection "Go Light Your World."

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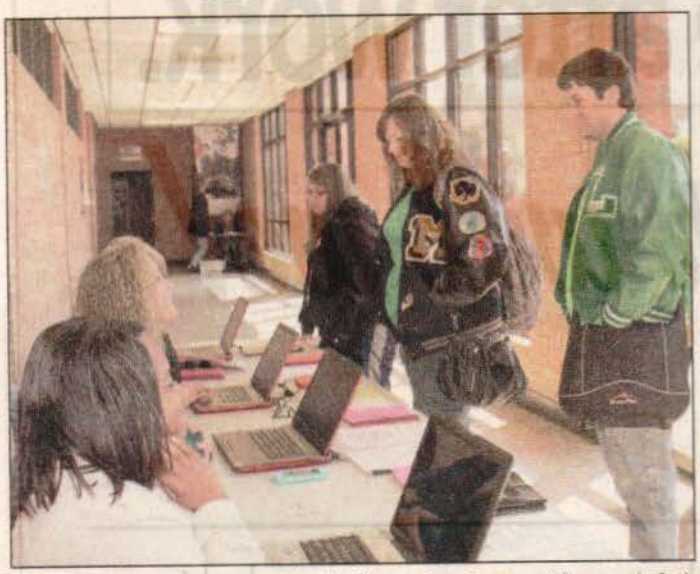
'One-stop' makes registration at ECCC easier



East Central Community College freshmen (from right) James Cornelison of Morton and Brittney Taylor and Faith Emmons, both of Lake, visit the "One-Stop Shop" set up in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Angela Bradley, assistant to the director of financial aid, and Mae Thornton, business office clerk, (pictured from left) were among staff members from several offices who met with students to ensure they were clear to advance for the summer and fall terms.

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The new "One-Stop Shop" makes it easier than ever for East Central Community College students to plan their next semester on the Decatur campus.

ECCC staff members set up in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria in March to assist students with advance registration.

"Representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid, the Business Office and Counseling staff met with students to ensure they are clear to advance register for the summer and fall terms and to provide advisement on courses if the students need assistance" said Deanna Rush, director of admissions and records.

The new program fulfills part of the college's 2020 Vision, which seeks to help students succeed in their academic, career and personal goals.

"Offering the One-Stop Shop during the week prior to pre-registration for current students addresses two Institutional Commitments of 2020 Vision: Student Success and Communication," college President Billy Stewart said. "I appreciate the extra effort of all of our staff in making student services, advising, financial aid and the business office easily accessible for our students. I also look forward to enhancing and increasing these types of services to our students. After all, their achievement is the focus of our work at East Central."

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ECCC art students win at state competition

East Central Community College art students Elizabeth Taflinger, left, of Lake and Chelsey Smith, middle, of Brandon display their winning artwork and prizes received during the MCJC/AIA (Mississippi Community and Junior College Art Instructors Association) State Competition/Exhibition. Taflinger received a third place award for Three-Dimensional Design for her Linear Study and Smith captured a second place award in Two-Dimensional Design for her Typography/ Color Scheme Study. Artwork submitted by community and junior college students from throughout the state was on display during March on the campus of Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia. Other ECCC students participating included Bristol Buffington of Louisville, Deeanna Carlson of Newton, Breanna Clemons of Pearl, John Hausley and Jessica Skinner, both of Philadelphia; and Abbey Rigdon of Little Rock. At right is ECCC art instructor Chris Brady.

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ECCC ADN Graduates

These East Central Community College students received their Associate Degree Nursing pins during a special ceremony held Friday, May 2, 2014, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Graduates and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Kristen Everett, Forest; Chelsy Ezell and Axie Jones, both of Decatur; Kristen Williams, Lawrence; Kelsey Lewis, Philadelphia; Brittany Edwards, Lake; Andrea Ezelle, Edinburg; Meghan Schmidt, Morton; Lacie Sessums, Carthage; Davina Smith, Jackson; Ashley Bishop, Hickory; and Holly Jones, Louisville; (second row, from left) Alyse Webb, Noxapater; Kim Round, Conehatta; Summer Spivey, Philadelphia; Chelsea Ricamore, Union; Bonnie Hedgepeth, DeKalb; Lindsey Adams, Carthage; Alex Stuart, Philadelphia; Rhonda Cooksey, Conehatta; Audrey Griffin, Louisville; Amber McDaniel, Forest; Kelsie Mann, Hickory; Wendy Burns, Carthage; and Whitney Bowden, Newton; (third row, from left) Jesse Stokes, Philadelphia; Ericia Blanton, Carthage; Yancey Tillman, Union; Sarah Stewart, Sharon McCown Hobby and Denise Boatright, all of Philadelphia; Whitney Owens, Brandon; Patti Ethridge, Hickory; Amy Haralson, Forest; Kelsi Gilmer, Sebastopol; Audriann Thomas, Conehatta; Erin Platt, Decatur; Jennifer Collins, Newton; and Elizabeth Satcher, Heidelberg; and (back row, from left) Alisha Jones, Carthage; Lauren Oakley, Sebastopol; Ava Marie Adkins, Union; Holly Schneller, Decatur; Jamie Lewis, Meridian; Heidi Colston, Madison; Irvin Chamberlain, Meridian; Micah Stewart, Philadelphia; Colby Rigdon, Little Rock; Justin Gates, Decatur; Shatorry Logan, Newton; Gabriel Harmon, Forest; Jeremy Nowell, Philadelphia; and Kalvin Smith, Decatur. Graduates will also receive diplomas during the College's Commencement ceremonies scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Neshoba County Coliseum. Denita Thomas serves as Dean of Healthcare Education. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Hall of Fame, others recognized

Recipients of Hall of Fame and other honors were recognized during the annual Awards Day program held May 1, at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Selection to the Hall of Fame is considered the highest honor a student can receive at the College, according to ECCC president Billy Stewart, who presented the awards.

"To be considered for the prestigious honor," Stewart said, "students must demonstrate exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership and contribute to the betterment of East Central Community College."

Aulds

Gressett

Hall of Fame inductees for 2014 include Joseph Aulds of Decatur and Taylor Gressett of Chunky as well as Mary Margaret Bailey of Philadelphia, Matthew Evans of Forest, Conor Bell of Carthage and Allie Killens of Saltillo.

Aulds is a President's List Scholar with a perfect 4.0 grade point average at East Central Community College.

He is a leader in the Baptist Student Union. He leads the Praise Team Band, The Way, and is a Council member.

He is involved in numerous campus activities. He is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges; drummer for the Collegians, the college's Rock-n-Roll band, and Warrior Corps, a select group of students selected to represent the college at recruiting endeavors and special events. He is also a member of the Concert Choir, Alpha Alpha Epsilon engineering club, and President's Council.

Aulds was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.

He was also was awarded the Freshmen Engineering Award for 2012-13 and is a Presidential and ACT scholar.

He serves as a work-study for the college's technology management department.

Aulds is a 2012 graduate of Newton County High School.

His parents are Deanne and Chris Harris of Decatur.

Aulds plans to pursue an engineering degree at Mississippi State University.

Taylor Gressett of Chunky was chosen Miss East Central Community College by the institution's student body.

The Dean's List Scholar with a 3.8 grade point average holds various leadership positions and is involved in numerous campus activities.

She serves as sophomore class president and is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

Gressett is very active in the college's music department as a member of the Concert Choir, Ac'cents show choir, vocalist for the Collegians Rock-n-Roll band and the Centralettes, the Wall O'Sound Marching Band's dance team.

She also is a member of the Diamond Darlings.

In addition, Gressett was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Community & Junior Colleges, freshman class favorite, and freshman and sophomore homecoming maid.

Gressett serves as a work-study for the college's financial aid department.

She received academic achievement recognition, ACT, Polk and Jennie Pace and Distinguished Young Woman scholarships at ECCC.

Gressett's nominator wrote, "Taylor exemplifies EC – Excellence with Class! She is involved in every aspect of college life at East Central. She participates in MANY extracurricular activities from athletics to student government and the arts. She works as a work-study in the financial aid office which requires great character and personality and a lot of patience. Best of all, she has done all of this while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. She handles herself with grace and poise and has proven to be an exemplary role model for her peers."

Gressett is the daughter of Kevin and Christy Gressett of Chunky. She is a 2012 graduate of Newton County High School.

Gressett plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and earn a bachelor's degree in nursing before attending the anesthesia school at USM to become a nurse anesthetist.

Other area students also received awards day honors.

Technical awards were presented to William George Alexander of Little Rock, Collision Repair Technology; Nathan Griffin of Union, Automotive Technology; Robin Towner of Decatur was a co-recipient of the Early Childhood Education Technology award; Zach Yates of Decatur, Manufacturing and Machining Technology; Bobby Hebert of Decatur, Network Support Technology; and Latisha Johnson of Decatur, "Technical Student of the Year."

Those receiving special awards were Morgan Luke of Newton, Citizenship; Jordan Walker of Decatur and Heather Johnson of Chunky, Roy Pete Award for Soccer; Ryan Godwin of Newton, EC Encore (Spring Musical); Thomas McClelland of Decatur, ECCC Gospel Choir; Daniel Giles of Union, S. Lebrun Hutchison Engineering Scholarship; Brandon St. Clair of Newton, Sophomore Mathematics; Madison Smith of Morton, Secondary Education; Patricia Thweatt of Union, Latisha Johnson of Decatur and Yashica Ickom of Lake, Mississippi Business Educators Association Awards; Madison Herrington of Union and Will Stokes of Decatur, The Tom-Tom Award; and Makenzie Rowzee of Hickory, Lucile Wood Scholarship.

Alumni Memorial Awards were presented to Morgan Luke of Newton, Billy Wane Baucum Secondary Education; Joseph Aulds of Decatur, Danny Ray Killens Engineering; Cindy Burnside of Decatur, Ruth Carr-Vincent Academic Excellence in Non-Traditional Education; Ashlyn Pullin of Union, Alatha Chaney English; Jordan Walker of Decatur, William S. Giffin Men's Intramural.

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East Central Community College recently announced inductees to the 2014 Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College. They include (from left) Taylor Gressett of Chunky, Conor Bell of Carthage, Allie Killens of Saltillo, Matthew Evans of Forest, Mary Margaret Bailey of Philadelphia and Joseph Aulds of Decatur. The honorees were announced during Awards Day activities held May 1 in Huff Auditorium. Their photos will hang in the Hall of Fame Collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

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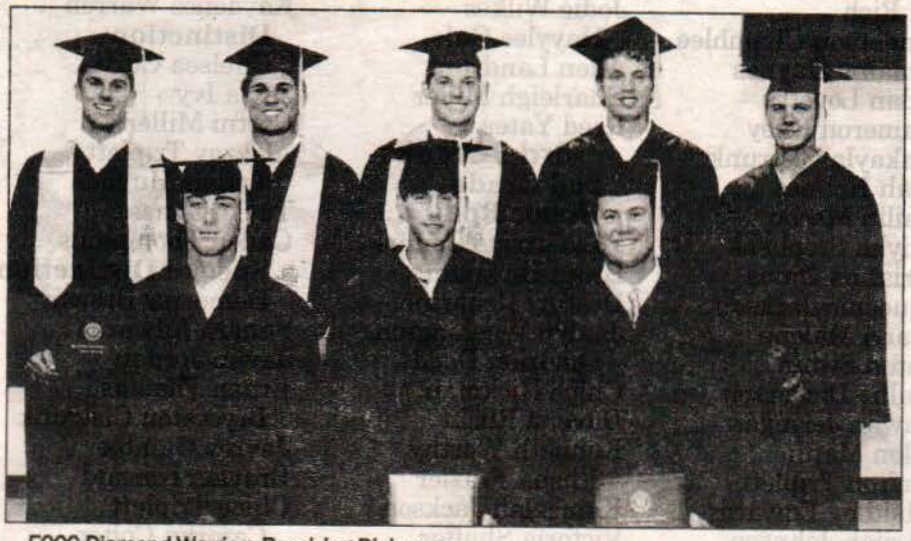

ECCC Diamond Warriors Receiving Diplomas

A "special" graduation ceremony was held for the above East Central Community College baseball players who were unable to attend the college's 85th Commencement Saturday, May 10, 2014, due to their participating in the MACJC State Baseball Tournament hosted by Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. Diamond Warriors who received diplomas and special honors at the May 13, 2014, ceremony on the Decatur campus included (first row, from left) Mason Woodrow, Phi Theta Kappa, and Conner West, Achievement Scholar, both of Taylorsville; and Ty Hendrix of Maben, Achievement Scholar; and (back row, from left) Maxwell Harmon of Meridian, President's Scholar, Phi Theta Kappa and NJCAA Academic All-American; Jacob Bush of West Blocton, Ala., Dean's Scholar, Phi Theta Kappa and NJCAA Academic All-American; Caleb Woods of Carthage, President's Scholar, Phi Theta Kappa; John Morgan Berry of Madison, Achievement Scholar; and Zach May of Little Rock, Achievement Scholar. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart presented diplomas and provided in inspirational message to the outstanding student-athletes. The Diamond Warriors finished fourth in the MACJC South Division and advanced to the MACJC and Region 23 tournaments. EC's baseball program is led by head coach Neal Holliman and assistants Scott DeLoach and Ronald Sims. (EC Photo)

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Smith address ECCC gospel choir members

Jerry Smith, right, of Philadelphia, provided remarks for the East Central Community College Gospel Choir Banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Smith, who serves as vice chairman of the ECCC Board of Trustees, spoke on the topic, "Making and Maintaining Lifelong Relationships." Smith urged choir members "to be selective" with their relationships and "to always make right decisions." In addition, he emphasized the importance of communication skills. "Students must be able to communicate effectively in order to achieve success in whatever field they choose for a profession." The program was held in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Brenda K. Johnson serves as Gospel Choir adviser.

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ECCC PBL headed to Nationals June 25-28

These East Central Community College students took top honors during the annual Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference held in March on the campus of Mississippi University for Women in Columbus. Advisor Christy Ferguson said, "For the first time ever, all 13 PBL participants placed first at the state conference and advance to national competition." That competition is scheduled June 25-28 in Nashville. In addition, Theta Chi Chapter was one of only two chapters in the state to receive recognition as a Gold Seal Chapter and was also recognized for its fundraising efforts for the March of Dimes. First place winners and their respective categories include (front row, from left) Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia, Client Service and Small Business Management Plan; Yashica Ickom of Lake; Integrated Marketing Campaign; Latisha Johnson of Decatur and Patricia Thweatt of Union, Business Ethics and Desktop Publishing; and Jessie Boatner, Local Chapter Annual Business Report and Parliamentary Procedures; and (back row, from left) Austin Jordan of Union, Parliamentary Procedures; Denzel Clemons of Philadelphia, Small Business Management; Josh Bradley of Union, Networking Concepts; Virginia Easley of Philadelphia, Small Business Management Plan and Integrated Marketing Campaign; Hannah Clark of Philadelphia, Parliamentary Procedures; and Chance Lovern of Philadelphia, Parliamentary Procedure. Bradley and Harris also received second place awards in Cyber Security and Sales Presentation, respectively. Third place honors were awarded to Chance Lovern in Personal Finance and Hannah Clark in Retail Management. Easley was elected State PBL Secretary and Ickom was selected for Who's Who in PBL. Not pictured are Tamantha Harris of Forest, Integrated Marketing Campaign, and Jeremy Hudson of Philadelphia, Macroeconomics and Parliamentary Procedure.

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Sixty-eight-year-old veteran overcomes odds to receive GED diploma at ECCC

special to The Star

For most people in their late 60s, returning to the classroom to receive a high school education is furthest thing from their mind.

But not Larry Druery of Morton, who accomplished the feat while also overcoming three near-death experiences along the way.

Druery, a Navy veteran, was among approximately 70 students of various ages to receive high school equivalency diplomas at East Central Community College's semi-annual GED Graduation held earlier this spring in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

For Druery, earning a GED diploma represents an important milestone in his life ...and a desire that has been fulfilled.

"It has been a long and difficult journey with many obstacles in my path," said Druery, who was adopted at age 1 by an aunt after his father died in a house fire.

"Like many of my fellow graduates, I dropped out of school at a young age. I served a tour of duty in the Navy; worked many different jobs; and went through three near-death experiences. I am now 68 years old, and God has allowed me to reach an important goal. I will forever be thankful to Him for His watchful care over me," he said.

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These proud GED graduates provided testimonials at the semi-annual GED Graduation held earlier this spring at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Beatrice Moore, 58, of Decatur; Larry Druery, 68, of Morton; Annette Fortune, 51, of Carthage; and Angela Coley, 32, of Pulaski. They were among the approximately 70 students who received their high school equivalence diplomas at the special ceremony held in Huff Auditorium.

my 10th grade school year, I became pregnant and dropped out of high school. Two months later, I was married, and 19 years later I was divorced. A single mother with two boys to raise, I spent years working minimum-wage and low-income jobs until God allowed by perfect storm of losing my job of the last 11 ? years because of an arm injury."

road, I have not put the car in reverse. I got my GED diploma, and I am now at an intersection where I have choices for a better life."

Coley, 33, completed ABE/GED classes held at the Morton Public Library.

For Coley, earning a GED Diploma was not only a dream for herself but also for her father, who died on Jan. 6, 2014.

yourself when you finally have that GED Diploma in your hand."

Moore, 58, is a native of New Orleans. She left the area after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and spent two years in Texas and four years in New Jersey before coming to Decatur in 2012.

She is married to the Rev. Jimmy Moore, pastor of Decatur Missionary Baptist Church.

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Druery, who attended GED classes at the Morton Public Library under the direction of Modean Cross, often struggled to concentrate on his class work due to health problems.

"Because I suffered a stroke, there were times when I would lose my train of thought and would have to put the work aside for a time and come back to it," he said while holding back tears. "Within the last year, I have suffered a severe stroke; endured two months of therapy; returned to my job; and obtained my GED diploma. To all this I would say, 'Praise God; to Him be the glory!"

In closing remarks, Druery offered the following advice to his fellow graduates:

"You can use this accomplishment as a stepping stone or a stumbling block. Your future is in your hands tonight. Deal with it wisely!"

Also providing testimonials were graduates Annette Fortune of Carthage, Angelia Coley of Pulaski and Beatrice Moore of Decatur.

Fortune, 51, has two sons and two grandsons. She attended ABE/GED Classes at the Leake County Career-Technical Center in Carthage.

"I remember the anticipation of awaiting for my GED Test scores," she recalled, "and when they arrived, slowly opening that white envelope and seeing first the words, 'Congratulations' and then, 'Dear Graduate,' which brought tears to my eyes! A dream of 36 years had finally become a reality!"

Fortune's success story began like many others who overcame numerous challenges on their way to receiving an education, albeit late in life.

"You see, 36 years ago at the age of 15 in the middle of

With zero income and a family depending on her for support, Fortune looked for work but after months of searching and filling out numerous applications for employment, she realized she had no skills...no GED diploma. She also realized the job market was not going to change and that she needed to make a change in her life.

"I knew I was at a dead-end road and that I had to have my GED diploma," Fortune said. "So, I picked up the telephone and signed up for classes."

About halfway through her GED studies, Fortune said she had another obstacle to overcome...a heart attack.

"The morning of July 4, 2013, I was sent by helicopter to Jackson with a 100 percent blocked artery," she said. "The doctors let me know how blessed I was that my life was saved. After thanking God and one stint later, I still did not want to give up on getting my GED diploma. Fearful and not feeling good most days, I soon returned to classes and was determined to complete my studies."

Fortune accomplished her goal, for which she credits many.

"The Bible says God always provides you with everything you need, and so He did," she stated. "With great mentors such as my family, my GED instructors, the security guard and my classmates, I pushed on. They always had a smile for me, showed concern for my health, and encouraged me, which caused me to keep pushing. And it was all worth it!"

In her closing comments, Fortune said, "Now I am no longer sitting at a dead-end

She told her story, which included dropping out of school and working at various jobs.

"When I was in the tenth grade at Morton High School, I thought I knew it all," said. "I thought that since I had a car, I was too grown to stay in school. I soon learned that since I was not in school, I had to go to work. I worked at different places including helping my dad roof houses. I also served and aided family members and others recovering from health issues. I enjoyed that (type of work) and felt like it was my calling, so I worked toward and received my Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate. I have worked for Guardian Angel Hospice for the past eight years."

But during this time, Coley said she kept "putting off" getting her GED Diploma, despite encouragement from her father.

When her father became ill in 2013, she decided to fulfill his wish and began taking ABE/GED classes at the Morton Library, Modean Cross served as her instructor.

"When I started classes, my daddy and mother were so overjoyed, which boosted my self-esteem and made my motivation even stronger," she said. "It took a lot of hard work, but I finally received my GED diploma on August 30, 2013."

Although Cooley's father died prior to the GED Graduation, she knows "without a doubt that he is watching his baby girl tonight."

In closing, Cooley encouraged others who do not have a GED or high school diploma, "to please start GED classes. It will make you feel so good about

Moore attended ABE/GED classes on the ECCC campus. She plans to continue her education at ECCC in hopes of eventually receiving a psychology degree at a university.

Moore began her testimonial by giving thanks and praise to God "for allowing me the great accomplishment of getting my GED. It was challenging, but I did not give up!"

Moore also expressed appreciation to the "wonderful, caring staff of ECCC: Ryan (Clarke), Paula (Kerr), Mrs. (Jeanne) Vares, Robin (Milling) and Mr. and Mrs. (Larry) Harms for such dedication to the students. They all inspired me to keep on keeping on. I would also like to thank my husband for his support and all my family, friends, classmates and my church (Decatur United Methodist Church), pastor Bruce and Susan Taylor and all the church members.

During her remarks, Moore emphasized: "It's never too late to get your GED. I am 58 years old and I'm proud to say that I achieved my goal at the age of 57 after 16 months of dedication to attending class and studying for the test. The GED diploma is a great accomplishment, and it opens many doors of opportunity."

Moore also challenged those without a GED to "take the challenge and join GED classes....and then you will be successful."

"Remember," she concluded, "it's never too late!"

For more information on ECCC's ABE/GED program, contact Ryan Clarke, Director of ABE/GED Testing, at (601) 635-6387 or email arke@eccc.edu

East Central CC releases spring 2014 honor roll

DECATUR — Students named to the 2014 spring semester honor roll have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur.

President's List

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, include the following:

FOREST— Erica Bennett, Christopher Brown, Emilee Cox, Kelsey Cox, Kristen Gordy, Jennifer Grove, Kristine Jenkins, Maria Martinez, Jay Riser, Justin Rushing and Peggy Sims;

LAKE— Brittney Taylor and Keifer Wolfe

LENA— Tymaiya Gray.

MORTON— Sarah Drew, Kelsey Porter, Tyler Runnels and Santana Runnels.

PULASKI— Joseph Matuszewski;

SEBASTOPOL— Aderian Partain;

Dean's List

The Dean's List includes the following students who achieved a 3.5 or above grade point average.

FOREST— Eliud Alvarez, Crystal Anderson, Jessica Brown, Chelsea Campbell, Briana Cooks, Lori Cox, Bailey Easterling, Clayton Edmonds, Shawn Evans, Dominick Fields, Lucretia Gaddis, Justin Johnson, Tamantha Qualls, Davita Ragsdale, Kimberly Rigby, Eryn Smith and Ananezia Triplett.

LAKE— Jessica Alford, Jessie Barrett, Emily Emmons, Tracy Gray, Wesley Hines, Jonathon Hodge, Christian Kelly, Shane Naquin, Pamela Robinson, Andrea Taflinger and Jesus Toledano.

LENA— Wesley Smith, Zachary Williams and Elizabeth Wilson.

MORTON— Makenzie Aycock, Chauncy Griffin, Grayson Harrell, Kara Johnson, Hannah McCurdy and Joseph Patrick.

PULASKI— Kimberly Harrison;

Honorable Mention

The following students earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

FOREST— Tony Alford, Christopher Allen, Tanya Bobbitt, Arieel Carter, Kristen Everett, Denzonia Fortune, M'Kenya Gray, Crystal Hernandez, Ian Lanthrip, Tesa Lockett, Judy Massey, Ryan McClendon, Mae Patrick, Shelby Patterson, Brady Power, John Reiss, Matthew Risher, Kirstie Shaw, Jason Stroud, Rebecca Veazey, Ernest Williamson, Laura Williamson and Tasha Yates;

HARPERVILLE— Shaticeka Kincaid;

LAKE: Allison Colbert, Rienzi Gray, Rico Graydon, Dakota Hollingsworth, Yashica Ickom, Emmarald Jones, Melanie Moore, Brianna Parkman, Mark Shoemaker, Elizabeth Taflinger;

LENA— Kaitlyn Blanton, Kaitlyn Busby, William Milner, Lorrie Moore, Tracey Riley, Lacie Sessums and Haley Watkins.

MORTON— Melissa Barham, Joshua Blackburn, James Cornelison, Claude Epting, Gloriana Latham, Maya Lofton, Daigen Meek, Juan Miranda, Allyson Nichols, Mary O'Cain, Meghan Schmidt, Madison Smith.

PULASKI— Heather Hayman, Kathern Qualls, Katrena Rayner, Brady Warren and Rebecca Wicker.

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ECCC names top students

East Central Community College has named students to the President's, Dean's and honorable mention lists for spring semester.

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, included:

Carthage

Conor Bell, Matthew Bishop, Madie Brantley, Kristen Chipley, John Davis, Tyler Faulkner, Anna Girling, Parker Jones, Kamaran Malone,

David Martin, Joseph McBeth, Hannah Moore, Lori Smith, Matthew Tucker, Amber Williams, Gary Winstead and George Woods;

Lena

Tymaiya Gray;

Sebastopol

Aderian Partain;

Walnut Grove

Krystan Bolton and William Wragg.

Dean's List students achieved a 3.5 or above grade point average and included:

Carthage

Haden Bozeman, Hope Brown, Gloria Burgess, Samantha Farley, Katessa Hutchins, Hannah Jolly, Victoria Jones, Kaitlyn Lofton, Sherry McKee, Hannah Peoples,

Letecia Rome, Aaron Shepard, Cody Smith, Matthew Sullivan, Jonathan Tindol, Jenna Tolleson, Kristin White and Kendall Wilcher;

Choctaw

Rakisha Guyette;

Lena

Wesley Smith, Zachary Williams and Elizabeth Wilson;

Walnut Grove

Lauren Copeland, Wanda Harrison, Hannah Kersgaard, Brianna May, Shannon McNeill, Janice Poling, Carrie Summers Jones; and

Students named to the Honorable Mention List, earned a 3.0 or above grade point average included:

Carthage

Lindsey Adams, Mariah Boyd, Hunter Brown, Wendy Burns, Stevie Coghlan, William Coleman, Jimmi Craig,

Anna Crawford, Ashley Devine, Alec Doggett, Evan Dowell, Monica Hamilton, Jerry Henson, Alisha Jones, Hanna Kemp, Vincent May,

Cynthia Middlebrooks, Courtney Moore, Amber Morris, Bradley Moss, Jennifer Russell, Kayla Searcy, Austin Shepard, Kelsey Sikes and Jon Smith;

Choctaw

Erin Cantrell;

Lena

Kaitlyn Blanton, Kaitlyn Busby, William Milner, Lorrie Moore, Tracey Riley, Lacie Sessums and Haley Watkins;

Walnut Grove

Mark Beasley, Lauren Davidson, Kelsi Gilmer, Tanisha Imhof, Tatyana Johnson and Amber Pierce.

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MSU Scholarships

These sophomores at East Central Community College received transfer scholarships to attend Mississippi State University, which were presented during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held May 1, 2014 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (front row, from left) Bailey Laird of Meridian, Heather Johnson of Chunky, Lindsey McCool of Louisville, Hannah Smith of Decatur, Alana Turner of Florence, Morgan Luke of Newton, Jessica Brown of Forest, Hillary Williams of Philadelphia, Tiffany Dorman of Union and Adrian Tucker of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Brandon St. Claire of Newton, Adarian Partain of Sebastopol, Brady Power of Forest, Matthew Morris of Meridian, Jacob Oliver of Little Rock, Matthew Evans of Forest, Joseph Aulds of Decatur, Hannah McCurdy of Morton, Emily Jacome-Cluff of Hickory, Mary Anna Jefcoat of Brandon and Kaitlyn Busby of Morton. Also pictured is MSU representative Lynn Mullens. (EC Photo)

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ECCC awards

These students were recipients of various technical program awards during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held May 1, 2014, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Students and their respective awards include (front row, from left) William Alexander of Little Rock, collision repair technology; Nathan Griffin of Union, automotive technology; and Robin Towner of Decatur and Trina House of Bay Springs, co-recipients of early childhood education technology; and (back row, from left) Keenan Wahwasuck of Philadelphia, computer technology; Brad Winstead of Philadelphia, electrical technology; Nan Hartness of Louisville, culinary arts technology and hotel/restaurant management technology; Zach Yates of Decatur, manufacturing and machining technology; and Latisha Johnson of Decatur, "Technical Student of the Year." Not pictured are Cosper Collins of Philadelphia, heating and air conditioning technology, and Bobby Hebert of Decatur, network support technology. (EC Photo)

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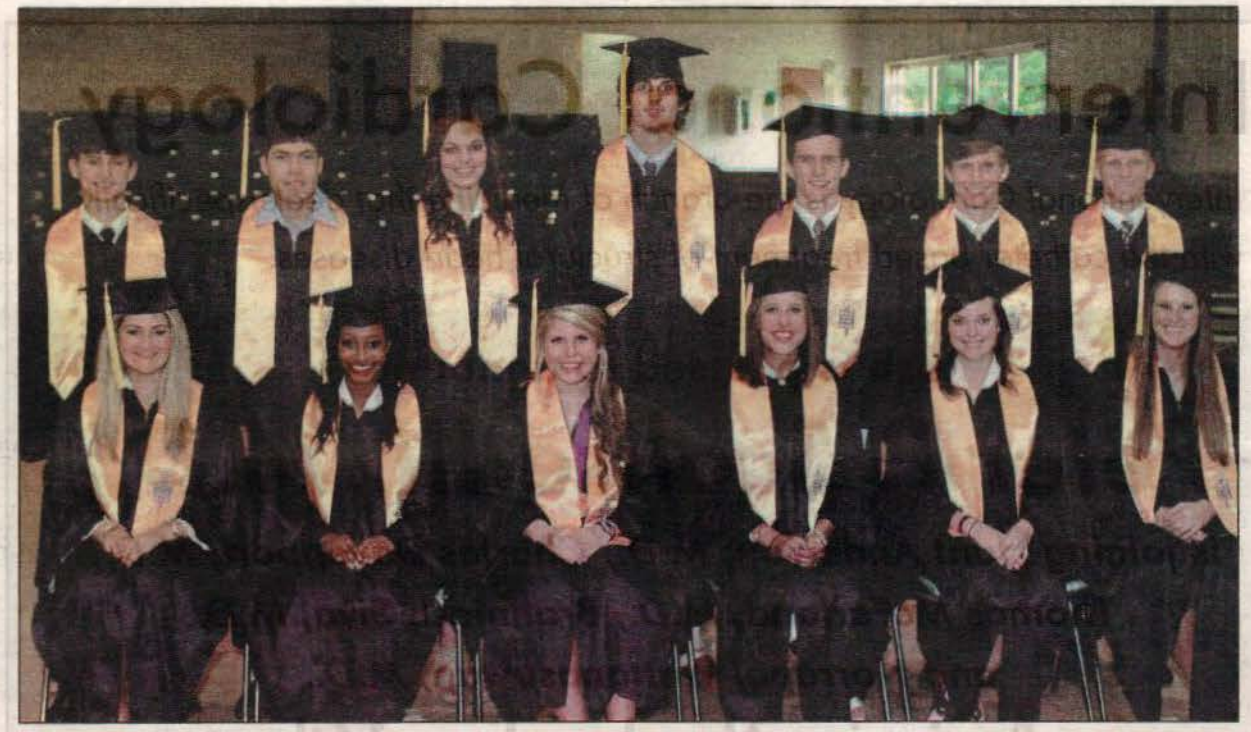

ECCC Student-Athletes Receiving NJCAA Academic Honors

These former student-athletes at East Central Community College in Decatur were recognized for their academic success in 2013-2014 by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). The NJCAA honors are presented in three categories – Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence (4.0 Career GPA); Award for Superior Academic Achievement (3.79 – 3.99 Career GPA); and Exemplary Academic Achievement (3.60 – 3.79 Career GPA). EC honorees, shown prior to receiving diplomas at the College's 2014 Commencement on May 10, include (seated from left) Alana Turner of Florence (women's soccer and tennis), Superior Academic Achievement Kaylin Hopkins of Louisville (softball), Sydney Dawkins of DeKalb (women's soccer), and Hannah Smith of Carthage (women's tennis), all recipients of Exemplary Academic Achievement; Kennedy Castleberry of Meridian (women's soccer), Superior Academic Achievement; and Paige Gower of Meridian (women's soccer), Exemplary Academic Achievement; and (back row, from left) Sawyer Williams of El Dorado, Arkansas, (golf), Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence; Brandon St. Clair of Newton (men's tennis), Miranda Clark of Philadelphia (women's soccer), both recipients of Exemplary Academic Achievement; Jordan Walker of Decatur (men's soccer), Superior Academic Achievement; and Will Thompson (men's soccer), Russ Thompson (men's soccer) and Jesse Vaughn (men's soccer), all of Decatur and all recipients of Exemplary Academic Achievement. Not pictured are Maxwell Harmon of Enterprise (baseball), Aaron Tucker of Carthage (golf) and Caleb Woods of Carthage (baseball), all recipients of Pinnacle Awards for Academic Excellence; Nan Hartness of Louisville (women's tennis) and Zachary Killion of Crestwood, Ky., both recipients of Superior Awards for Academic Achievement; and Hayley Stephens of Union (softball), Taylor Potter of Bentonia (men's soccer), Heather Johnson of Chunky (women's soccer), Mason Woodrow of Taylorsville (baseball) and Jake Bush of West Blocton, Ala., (baseball), all recipients of Exemplary Academic Achievement Awards. (EC Photo)

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ECCC student newspaper staff receives awards

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DECATUR – East Central Community College's student newspaper, The Tom-Tom, was among the top student newspapers in the state recognized during the 2014 O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference, which was held at the Mississippi Craft Center in Ridgeland.

East Central students earned 15 awards in the Mississippi Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest in the Community and Junior College Division, including second place in the general excellence award, the top award granted for student newspapers in the community college division for the state.

The Tom-Tom also received two first place, five additional second place, five third place and two honorable mention awards in the competition. In the Better Newspaper Competition, members of The Tom-Tom staff earned the following awards:

• A first place finish for May 2013 graduate Jessica Barnett of Forest and sophomore Conor Bell or Carthage, Best Spot News or Investigative Package;

• A first place award for Opinions Editor Will Stoke of Philadelphia, Best General Interest Column;

• Bell was recognized with a second place award for Best General Interest Column;

• A second place finish for May 2013 graduate and former Tom-Tom editor Addreonna Seger of Lawrence, Best Feature Story;

• Sophomore Design Editor Payton Smith of Forest was awarded a second place award for Best Layout & Design;

• A third place finish for sophomore Claire Griffin of Decatur, Best Cartoon;

• Sophomore Candice Stewart of Morton was recognized with a third place award for Best Feature Photograph;

• A third place award for May 2013 graduate Emily Marler of Morton for Best Sports Feature;

• Honorable mention awards for Barnett, Best Spot Photograph and Best Sports Feature.

• The Tom-Tom staff also received two additional second place honors for Best Single Advertisement and Best Front Page and two third place honors for Best Single Advertisement and Best Web site.

The Tom-Tom is a student-led newspaper representative of the student body of East Central Community College in Decatur. The staff is led by Madison Herrington of Union, editor; Stokes, opinions editor; Smith, design editor and Griffin, cartoonist. ECCC Publications Coordinator Gennie Phillips of Forest serves as adviser.

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Members of East Central Community College's newspaper staff display various awards presented at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held at the Mississippi Craft Center in Ridgeland. Pictured (front row, from left) DeeJay Rolison of Hickory, editor Madison Herrington of Union and Dominick Fields of Forest; (second row, from left) cartoonist Claire Griffin of Decatur, Conor Bell of Carthage, opinions editor Will Stokes of Philadelphia, Candice Stewart of Morton and Madison Barnett, Noxapater; and (back row, from left) design editor Payton Smith of Forest, Ashley Bozeman of Decatur and Kimberly Harrison of Forest.

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These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to the University of Mississippi, which were presented during the College's annual Awards Day ceremonies. Pictured are (from left) Greg Mitchell of Meridian, Felicia Robinson of Hickory, Brianna Parkman of Lake and Allie Killens of Saltillo. At right is Ole Miss representative Tyler Biggs who made the presentation.

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JOHNSTON HONORED FOR CPRAM SERVICE

Bubby Johnston (left), vice president for public information at East Central Community College in Decatur, receives a plaque of appreciation for his service as past president of the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi (CPRAM) from incoming president Danny Blanton, director of public relations at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. The presentation was made during the 2014 CPRAM Conference held May 19-20 in Tupelo.

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ECCC presents 'special' awards during ceremony

These students were among those receiving 'special' awards during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held recently in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Students and their respective awards include (front row, from left) Caleb Stallings of Vossburg, freshman mathematics; Brandon St. Clair of Newton, sophomore mathematics; Jared Jim of Philadelphia, Patricia Thweatt of Union and Latisha Johnson of Decatur, all recipients of the Mississippi Business Education Association student awards; and Cindy Burnside of Philadelphia, Phi Beta Lambda Hall of Fame; and (back row, from left) Denzel Clemons and Jessie Boatner, both of Philadelphia, both recipients of Phi Beta Lambda Hall of Fame; Will Stokes of Decatur and Payton Smith of Forest, co-recipients of The Tom-Tom award; Chelsey Smith of Brandon, ECCC Players award; and Makenzie Rowzee of Hickory, Lucille Wood Scholarship. Not pictured are Yashica Ickom of Lake, Mississippi Business Educators Association Award; Anna Katherine Nowell of Philadelphia, Alyne Simmons Recruitment Grant; and Madison Herrington of Union, The Tom-Tom award.

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These students were the recipients of 'special' awards during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held recentlyin Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Students and their respective awards include (front row, from left) Morgan Luke of Newton, Citizenship Award; Kristen Gordy of Forest, Ann Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship; Mary Margaret Bailey of Philadelphia, Dr. Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership; Jacob Oliver of Little Rock, Alford J. Deaton Physics Award; and Hannah McCurdy of Morton, Richard Fisher Organic Chemistry Award; and (back row, from left) Estenfania Olmeda of Philadelphia, East Central Environmental Club award; Kristian Clark of Ocean Springs, Anthony Coleman Men's Basketball Award; Jordan Walker of Decatur and Heather Johnson of Chunky, co-recipients of Roy Pete Soccer Awards; Rachel Laird of Meridian, ECCC Concert Choir award; Ryan Godwin of Newton, EC Encore (spring musical) award; Thomas McClelland of Decatur, Gospel Choir award; and Daniel Giles of Union, S. Lebrun Hutchison Engineering Scholarship.

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ECCC students receive Faculty Memorial Awards

\These students were among those receiving Faculty Memorial awards during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held May 1, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Students and their respective awards include (front row, from left) Bridget McFarland of Philadelphia, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic Scholarship; Jennifer Grove of Forest, Aaron R. Davis Memorial award; Makayla Kelly of Nederland, Texas, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology Science and Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry awards; Cindy Burnside of Decatur, J. Wallace Bedwell Business award; Ronald Dixon of Flowood, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering award; and Delphine Edwards of Raleigh, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology award; and (back row, from left) Houston Martin of Carthage, Robert G. Fick Memorial Scholarship; Conor Bell of Carthage, Ruth Hull Memorial Wo-He-Lo award; Caleb Woods of Carthage and Maxwell Harmon of Meridian, co-recipients of the Jamie Clark Memorial Award for Baseball; Seber Williams of Decatur, L.B. Simmons History award; and Tyler Spence of Decatur, Thomas W. Thrash Memorial Scholarship. Not pictured are Delton Harrison of Little Rock, Dr. Shelby L. Harris Memorial Scholarship; Erica Bennett of Forest, O.L. Newell Drafting award; and Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia, Leon Eubanks KALJYC-Peers Leadership Award.

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ECCC students receive alumni awards

These students were among those receiving Alumni Memorial awards during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held May 1, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Students and their respective awards include (front row, from left) Morgan Luke of Newton; Billy Wayne Baucum, Secondary Education award; Matthew Evans of Forest, W.A. Coursey Jr. Engineering award; Joseph Aulds of Decatur, Danny Ray Killens Engineering award; Cindy Burnside of Decatur, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Nontraditional Education; Ashlyn Pullin of Union, Alatha Chaney English award; and Virginia Easley of Philadelphia, Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology award; and (back row, from left) Rachel Laird of Meridian, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech award; Aaron Tucker of Carthage, Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics; Jordan Walker of Decatur, William S. Giffin Men's Intramural award; Ephraim Ringo of Forest, Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers; Ramone Tate of Bay St. Louis, Howard Sessums Men's Basketball award; Zachary Allen, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa award; and Mary Margaret Bailey of Philadelphia, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Service Award. Not pictured are Zach Thigpen of Ellisville, Andrew F. Webb Football award; and Ty-Neisa Mickens of Macon, Earline Wood Memorial Award for Women's Basketball.

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EC sophomore earns MUW scholarship

East Central Community College sophomore Colby Rigdon of Little Rock received a transfer scholarship to Mississippi University for Women, which were presented during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held May 1 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

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Scholarship recipients

Leake County recipients of the 2014 Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarships at East Central Community College include, from left, Wesley Jelen and Kaitlyn Harthcock, both Leake Academy graduates, and Ariel Enoch, a product of Leake Central High School, each congratulated by Leake County Administrator Robbie Gill during a scholarship program in Huff Auditorium. During the event more than 120 students received 124 scholarships worth approximately $89,000.

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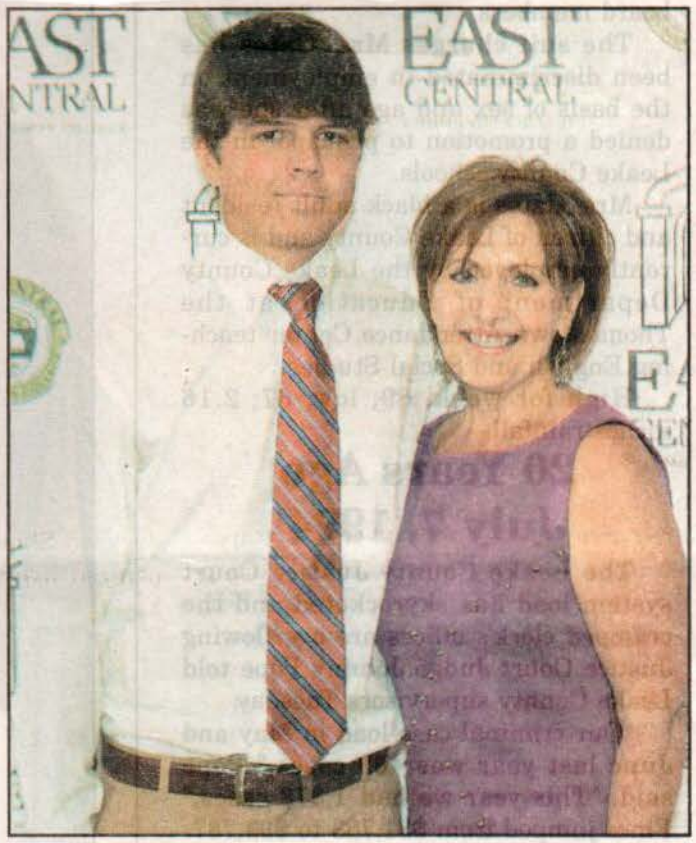

Brown bags scholarship

Wes Brown, left, claimed the Larry B. Therrell Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College. The Leake Academy product is congratulated by donor representative, Paula Therrell, during the scholarship awards program.

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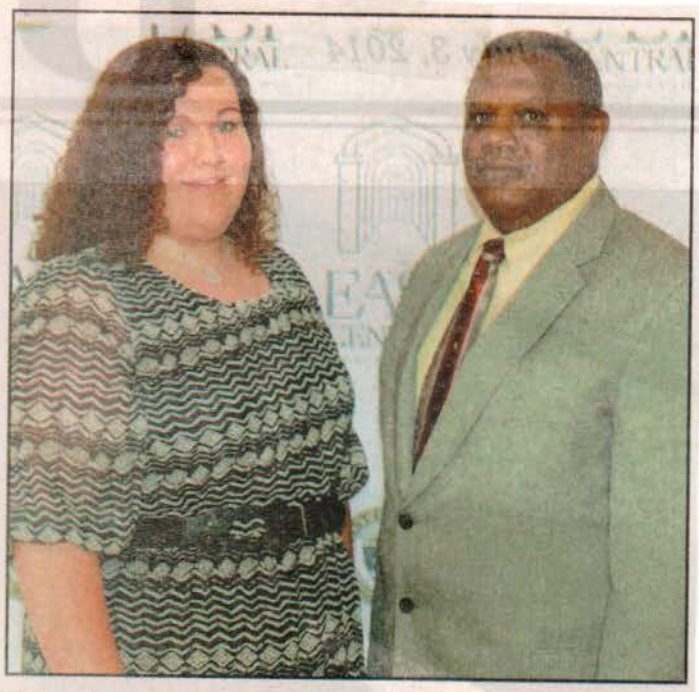

Shuler recognized

Lillian Shuler, left, a 2014 graduate of Leake Central High School, won the Board of Trustees Scholarship at East Central Community College. Jerry W. Smith of Philadelphia, ECCC Board of Trustees vice chairman, congratulates her. The award was presented during the scholarship awards program in Huff Auditorium.

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Raynoso claims scholarship

Enoc Reynoso, left, a graduate of Leake Central High School, claimed the Dr. Frank and Bobbie McPhail Bowen Scholarship at East Central Community College. Dr. Frank Bowen of Carthage, and his late wife, Bobbie, established the scholarship for a Leake County graduate finishing in the top 10 percent of his high school class who enrolls as a full-time student at ECCC the fall semester following high school graduation. David Case, ECCC vice president for institutional research and effectiveness congratulates Raynoso, during the scholarship awards program in Huff Auditorium.

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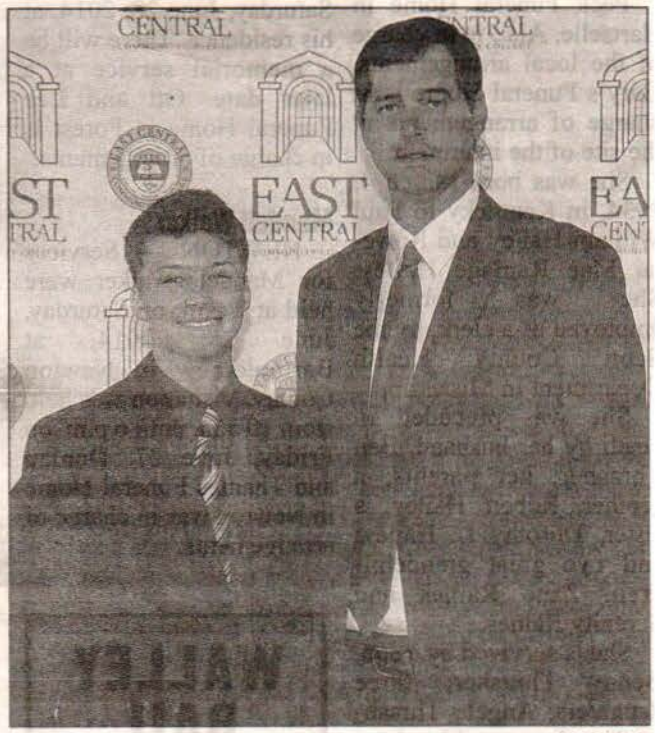

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LOTT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Taylor Lott (left), a graduate of Scott Central High School, is the recipient of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is pictured with bank representative Camp Keith during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.

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Grove Receives Class of 1964 Scholarship

East Central Community College sophomore Jennifer Grove (third from left) of Forest, a graduate of East Rankin Academy, is the recipient of the ECCC Class of 1964 Scholarship. Also pictured are donor representatives (from left) Bill Lea, Dr. Harold Aycock, John Boutwell and Jerald P. Everett. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.

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Avera Receives Classes of 1957, 1958 & 1959 Scholarship

East Central Community College sophomore Aaren Avera (right), a graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the ECCC Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 Scholarship. She is shown with donor representative Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value. (EC Photo)

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Receive Bank of Morton Scholarships

Tynequa Bryant (left), a graduate of Morton High School, is the recipient of the Bank of Morton Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. At right is bank representative Gordy Herring. The awards were presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value. (EC Photo)

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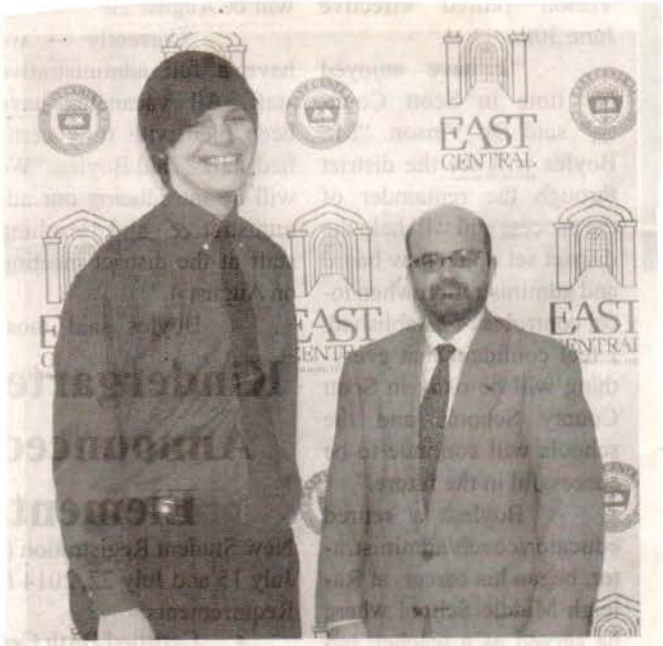

Pace Scholarship Recipient at ECCC

Evan Derrick (left), a 2014 graduate of Morton High School, is the recipient of the Polk and Jennie Pace Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is shown with David Case, ECCC Vice President for Research and Effectiveness, during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value. (EC Photo)

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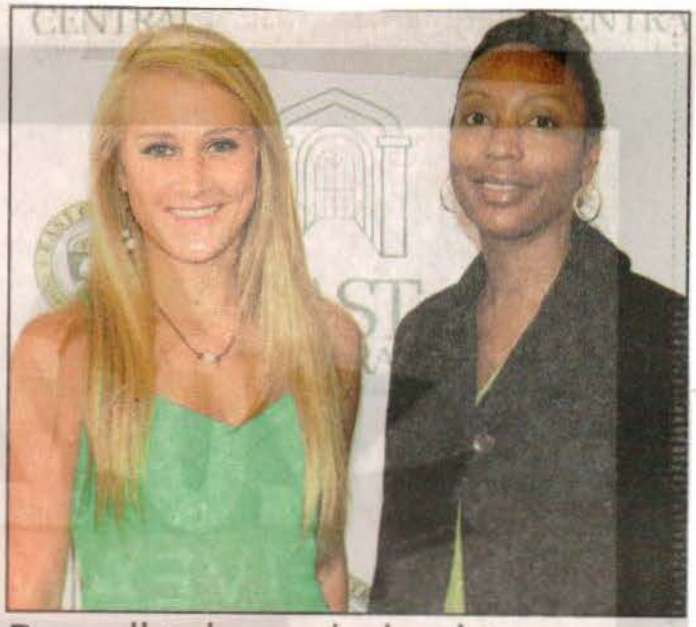

Dowell takes scholarship

Shelly Dowell, left, a 2014 graduate of Leake Academy, garnered the Jay B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship at East Central Community College. Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC vice president for instruction, congratulates Dowell during the scholarship awards program in Huff Auditorium.

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Hemphill picks up stipend

Shelby Hemphill, left, a 2014 graduate of Leake Academy, earned the Eastside Pawn and Gun Scholarship at East Central Community College. Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC vice president for instruction congratulats Hemphill. The scholarship was established in 2014 by Joe Andy Helton and for a graduate of Leake Academy who enrolls full time following high school graduation.

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East Central is planning orientation for Friday

DECATUR — New and transfer students who plan to attend the 2014 fall semester at East Central Community College and have not registered for classes are encouraged to attend registration/orientation activities on Friday, July 11 on the Decatur campus.

Dr. Randall E. Lee, vice president for student services, said students may register anytime between 8 a.m. and noon.

During orientation, students complete their class schedules, have photos made for identification badges and the College yearbook, apply for a parking decal (must provide car tag number) and complete the online orientation process.

Prior to attending the orientation session, students should have the following information on file in the Office of Admissions and Records: (1) a completed ECCC Application for Admission (www.eccc.edu); (2) ACT or COMPASS scores, which will be used for placement in English and mathematics courses; and (3) high school and/or college transcript. Transfer students must have all college transcripts on file before they can register.

Students who have completed the admissions process and have been accepted for admission, should receive a letter instructing them how to proceed on the day of registration/orientation.

Students who have not completed the application process are welcome to attend if they have the ACT or COMPASS score report and college transcripts turned in, and can begin the process in the Eddie M. Smith Student Union, located on the west side of campus.

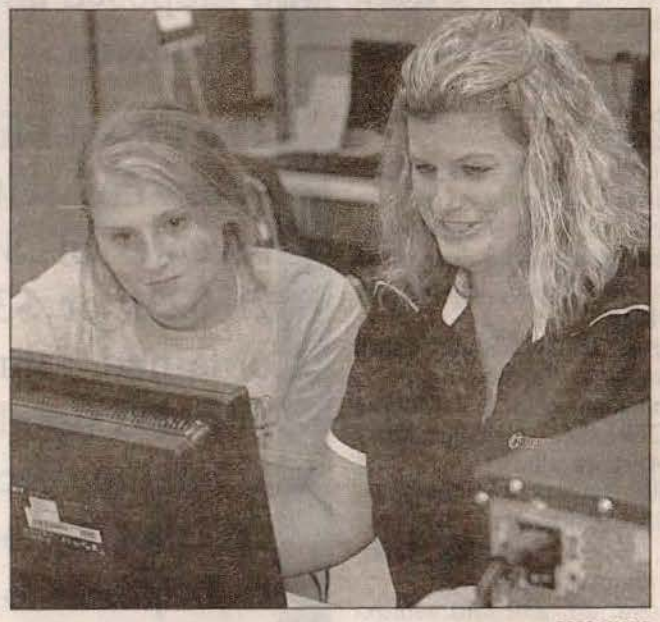
Students who have not taken either the ACT or COMPASS test should be prepared to take the placement assessment at 8:30 a.m. on the day of registration or arrange to take it another day. The cost is $20. Call or email 601-635-6346 or mboulton@eccc.edu to reserve a seat.

A final orientation session is scheduled Friday, August 8.

Fall day and evening classes begin Monday, August 18.

Online classes begin Monday, August 25, 2014.

For more information, contact Student Services, at 601-635-6205 or e-mail rlee@eccc.edu.



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Claire Morrow (left) of Conehatta, a 2014 graduate of Sebastopol High School, was among area students who attended orientation activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown planning her fall semester class schedule with assistance from English instructor Pam Fowler. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Friday, July 11 and Friday, August 8. Fall classes begin Monday, August 18. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services at (601) 635-6205.

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Chad Kincaid (left), a 2014 graduate of Forest High School, was among area students who attended orientation activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is shown receiving assistance with his fall semester class schedule from assistant football coach Mickey Mayes.

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Moody scholarship

Moody Scholarship Recipient at ECCC

Sophomore Leah Ferguson (left) is the recipient of the 2014 Robert J. Moody, Jr. Special Education Scholarship provided at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Neshoba Central High School product is shown with donor representative Robin Fulton The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value. (EC Photo).

Hudspeth Scholarship

Hudspeth Scholarship Recipient at ECCC

Victoria Burt (second from left), a 2014 graduate of Louisville High School, is the recipient of the Hudspeth Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown with donor representatives (from left) Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, Faye Hudspeth and Allyson Kinard, all of Louisville. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony.

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Cross scholarship

Cross Memorial Scholarship Recipient at ECCC

Anna Wells (left) is the 2014 recipient of the Nellie Neill Cross Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Winston Academy graduate is shown with Mickey Vance, ECCC Vice President for Business Operations, during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value. (EC Photo)

Scholarship

MS Land Bank Scholarship Recipient at ECCC

East Central Community College sophomore Zachary Allen (left) is the 2014 recipient of the Mississippi Land Bank Scholarship. The Winston Academy product is shown with David Case, ECCC Vice President for Research and Effectiveness, during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.

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Scholarship winner

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Receives Wilks-Palmer Scholarship at ECCC

Jamey Kinard (left), a 2014 graduate of Winston Academy, is the recipient of the Wilks-Palmer Scholarship provided at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown with Mickey Vance, ECCC Vice President for Business Operations, during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony.

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US Electrical Motors Scholarship Recipient at ECCC

Crystal Holdiness (left) is the 2014 recipient of the US Electrical Motors Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Nanih Waiya High School product is shown with Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC Vice President for Instruction, during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Taylor Scholarship Recipients at ECCC

Bay White (left) of Louisville High School is the recipient of the Taylor Advanced Machining Scholarship and Ratrae Carter (second from left) of Louisville High School and Lamonte Donald (third from left) of Neshoba Central High School are the recipients of Taylor Advanced Welding Scholarships at East Central Community College in Decatur. They are shown with donor representative Rod Shealy of Taylor Machine Works in Louisville during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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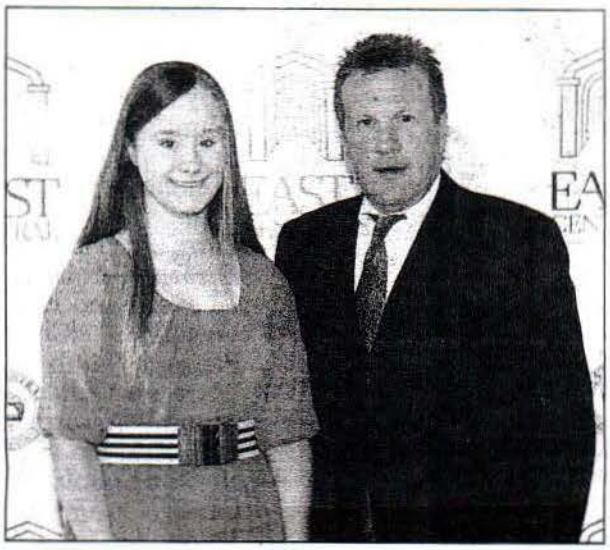

Receives Hitt Scholarship at ECCC

Candace Barrett (left), a graduate of Grace Christian School, is the recipient of the Jeffrey G. and Kathy L. Hitt Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is pictured with Mickey Vance, ECCC Vice President for Business Operations, during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony.

Visits ECCC

Dylan Jones (right), a 2014 graduate of Choctaw County High School, was among area students who attended orientation activities held June 7 at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is shown receiving assistance with his fall semester class schedule from history instructor Marc McCool. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Friday, July 11 and Friday, August 8. Fall classes begin Monday, August 18. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services at 601-635-6205 or email rlee@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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Event at ECCC

ECCC Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Approximately 300 donors, scholarship recipients and other special guests attended the annual East Central Community College Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held June 12, 2014, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. The luncheon was held following the scholarship awards ceremony in Huff Auditorium, during which approximately 125 students received ECCC Foundation Scholarships valued at approximately $89,000. For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, at 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her email address is sholling@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

Vance scholarship

Vance Scholarship Recipient at ECCC

Dylan Jones (left) is the 2014 recipient of the James M. Vance Scholarship provided at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Choctaw County High School product is shown with donor representatives Patsy Vance (center) and Jeff Vance during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony.

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ECCC awards scholarships at ceremony

Everett Fisher, center, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Dr. Howard Carlton McMillin Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is pictured with donor representatives Lisa Townsend, left, Shirley McMillin, Leesa McMillin and David McMillin during the annual Scholarship Appreciation Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Kaylee Yates, center, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Charles P. and Bonnie Saxon Phillips Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown with donor representatives Ellen Malone, left, and Glenda Malone during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Newton County High School graduate Louise Berryhill, center, received the Dr. Conrad C. Barnes Jr. Math and Science Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured with the recipient are donor representatives Linda, left, and Billy Pierce. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. presented at East Central Community College in Decatur.

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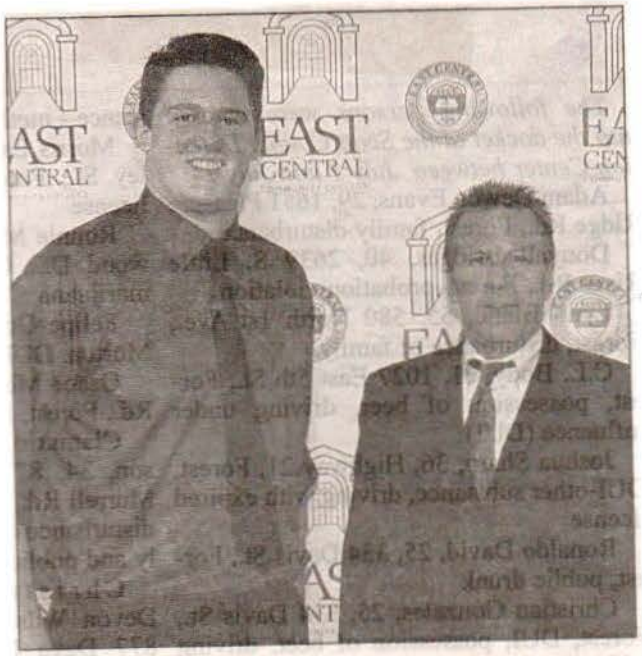

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Garrett McDill, a 2014 graduate of Sebastopol High School, is the Scott County recipient of a Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is pictured with Mickey Vance, ECCC Vice President of Business Operations, during the annual Scholarship Appreciation Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.

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Mitchell wins Weems award

Samuel Mitchell, left, won the Weems Family Scholarship at East Central Community College. The Leake Academy graduate is congratulated by donor representative, Angela Woodrow, during the scholarship awards program.

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Centralette line members named

East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band officers have announced members of the Centralettes dance line for 2014-15.

Members will provide halftime entertainment during ECCC football and basketball games.

Members include Emily Cook and Delia Wilder, both of Carthage; Jodie Johnson of Sebastopol;

Taylor Alexander, Cara Jackson, Joelie Hill, Jordan Lovorn, Megan Robinson and Ashley Young, all of Louisville;

Kelli Boulton, Mackenzie Gannon and Meme Martin, all of Newton;

Kaley Bufkin and Kaylee Yates, both of Decatur; Lauren Cassel of Union;

Courtney Hamilton and Sydney Keith, both of Philadelphia; Grayson Harrell of Morton; Malorie Hunt of Collinsville;

Hannah Mitchell and Jessica Moffett, both of Meridian; Kim Patrick and Brittney Rawson, both of Forest; and Anna Claire Webb of Noxapater.

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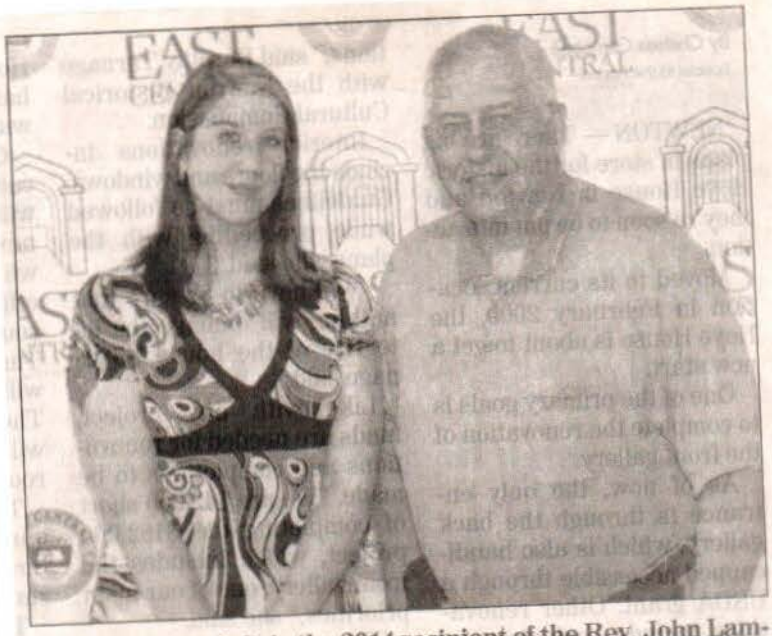
AnnaLea Clarke, left, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the William Wade Long Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown with donor representative Rusty Long during the annual Scholarship Appreciation Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. EC photo



Alana Knowles, left, is the 2014 recipient of the Rev. John Lambert Neill Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Newton County High School product is shown with donor representative Dr. Harold Aycock. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. EC photo

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Courtney Williams, left, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Willis W. "Bubba" Smith Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown with Mickey Vance, ECCC Vice President for Business Operations, during the annual Scholarship Awards Program, which was held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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East Central Community College sophomore Daniel Giles of Union, left, is the recipient of the S. Lebrun Hutchison Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Union High School product is shown with donor representative Nancy Harris during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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EC students earn technical awards

These students were recipients of various technical program awards during the annual East Central Community College Awards Day ceremonies held in May in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Students and their respective awards include (front row, from left) William Alexander of Little Rock, collision repair technology; Nathan Griffin of Union, automotive technology; and Robin Towner of Decatur and Trina House of Bay Springs, co-recipients of early childhood education technology; and (back row, from left) Keenan Wahwasuck of Philadelphia, computer technology; Brad Winstead of Philadelphia, electrical technology; Nan Hartness of Louisville, culinary arts technology and hotel/restaurant management technology; Zach Yates of Decatur, manufacturing and machining technology; and Latisha Johnson of Decatur, "Technical Student of the Year." Not pictured are Cosper Collins of Philadelphia, heating and air conditioning technology, and Bobby Hebert of Decatur, network support technology.

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JoHannah Smith, left, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Shirley Renaud Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown with donor representative Joe Renaud during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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ECCC names scholarship winners

Duster Allgood, left, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Pam Harris Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. Representing the donors are Kelli Harris, second from left, Emma Kate Munn and Chris Harris. The award was presented during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.

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Sophomore Tyler Spence, left, is the 2014 recipient of the Thomas W. Thrash Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Newton County High School product is shown with donor representative Jeanette Thrash of Decatur during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Justin Thornton, center, is the 2014 recipient of the Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Raleigh High School product is shown with donor representatives Sid and Jackie Etie of Decatur during the annual Scholarship Appreciation Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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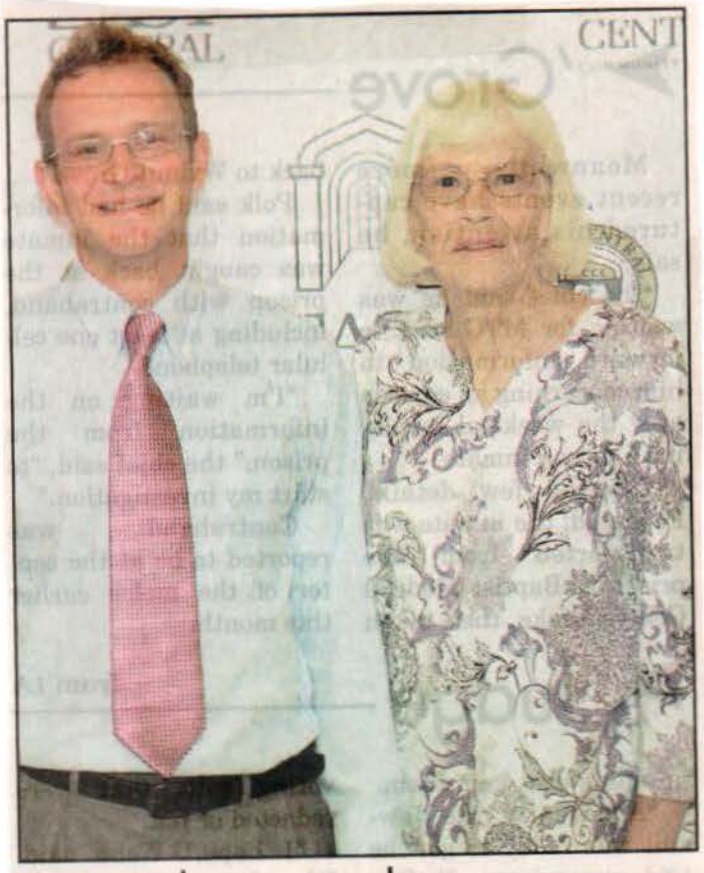

Amis takes award

Colby Amis, left, won the Hogue-Brantley Scholarship at East Central Community College. The Newton County High School product is congratulated by with donor representative, Tommye Rosenbaum of Walnut Grove during the scholarship awards program in Huff Auditorium.

Anderton gets award

Austin Anderton, left, a graduate of Leake Central High School, won the SouthGroup/Cox and Associates Insurance Scholarship at East Central Community College. He is congratulated by donor representative, Aubry Cox. The award was presented during the scholarship awards program in Huff Auditorium.

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ECCC presents $88,972 in student scholarshi

Attending East Central Community College became even more affordable for approximately 120 students who received scholarships presented at the annual Scholarship Appreciation Program held June 12 on the Decatur campus.

Provided by numerous alumni, individuals, businesses and industries, the ECCC Foundation scholarship awards are valued at $88,972, according to Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations.

"The ECCC Foundation would like to thank our donors who continue to support the scholarship program," said Dr. Hollingsworth. "We also encourage others to establish scholarships and help meet the financial needs of our future alumni."

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart provided remarks at the annual event and expressed appreciation to donors for their support and congratulations to scholarship recipients.

Dr. Randall E. Lee, Vice President for Student Services, served as master of ceremonies.

Scholarships presented and the respective recipients/high schools are as follows:

ATCO Loan Inc. – Mia Coleman, Leake Central; Bank of Morton – Tynequa Bryant, Morton; BankPlus – Peyton Cain, Newton County; Dr. Conrad Barnes Math & Science – Louise Berryhill, Newton County; Pleas Clayton and Amanda Breazeale Blount Memorial – Jacob McNeil, Raleigh; Board of Trustees – Lillian Shuler, Leake Central; Iris Boggan – Rachel Rogers, Neshoba Central;

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Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 – Aaren Avera, Newton County; Class of 1964 – Jennifer Grove, East Rankin Academy; Prentice and Dorothy Copeland – Kaylyn White, Neshoba Central; SouthGroup Cox – Austin Anderton, Leake Central; Frances Brown Crenshaw Nursing – Haleigh West, Newton County; Aaron R. Davis Memorial – Jennifer Grove, East Rankin Academy; Tony Dobbs Memorial Golf – Christopher Brown, Forest;

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For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her email address is sholling@eccc.edu

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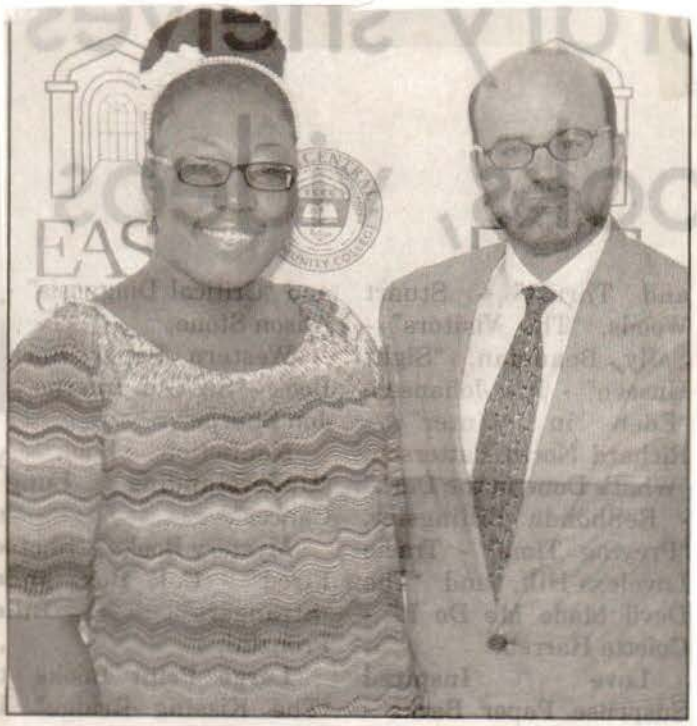
Coleman wins award

Mia Coleman, left, a 2014 graduate of Leake Central High School, recieved the ATCO Loan Scholarship at East Central Community College. Dr. Teresa Houston, vice president for instruction, congratulates Coleman. James McRae established the scholarship in 1991 for a Leake County student.



LeFlore gets recognition

Chaiydreanna LeFlore, left, a 2014 graduate of Leake County High School, claimed the Square County Auctions Scholarship at East Central Community College. David Case, ECCC vice president for research and effectiveness, congratulates the winner.

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Anthony Emmons, a 2014 graduate of Lake High School, is the 2014 recipient of the R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. The award was presented during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.

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Rebecca Hitt (left) is the 2014 recipient of the JC White Scholarship provided at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Sebastopol High School product is shown with Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC Vice President for Instruction, during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.

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Chelsea Campbell of Forest was among East Central Community College graduates who recently received transfer scholarships to the University of Southern Mississippi during the College's annual Awards Day program.

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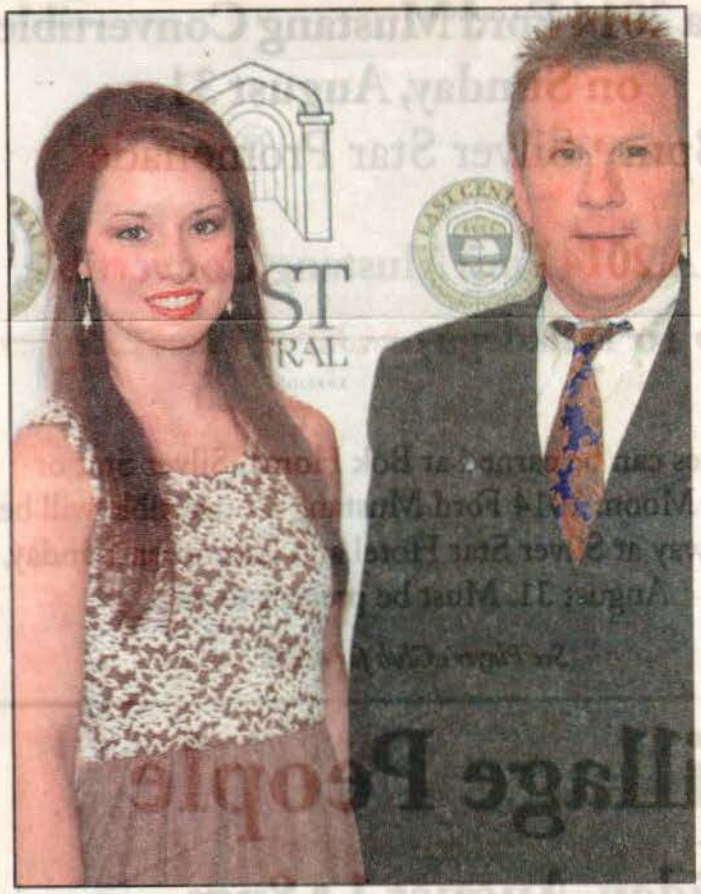

Cook collects stipend

Sophomore Emily Cook, left, claimed the Roscoe C. Pugh Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College. The Leake Central High School product is is congratulated by Mickey Vance, ECCC vice president for business operations, during the scholarship awards program in Huff Auditorium.

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Rome picks up scholarship

Letecia Rome, left, a graduate of Edinburg High School, received the Edwin and Marie Lowe Scholarship at East Central Community College. Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC vice president for instruction, congratulates the winner. More than 120 students recently received 124 cholarships totaling approximately $89,000.

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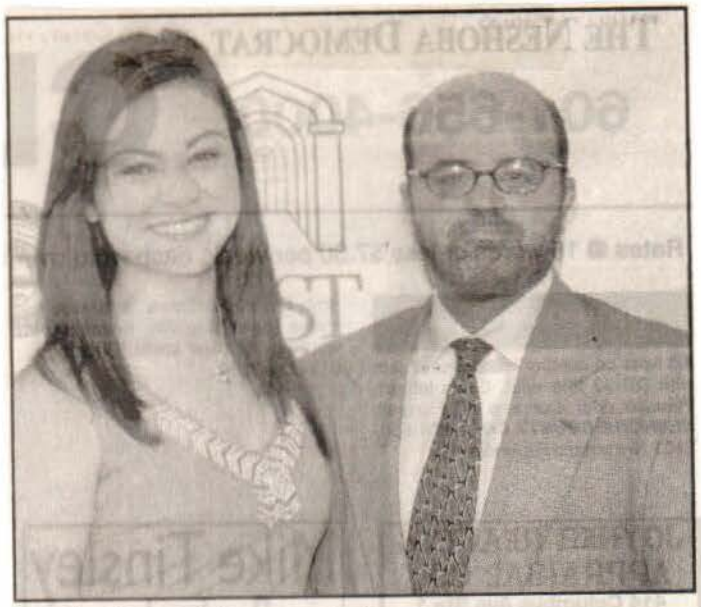
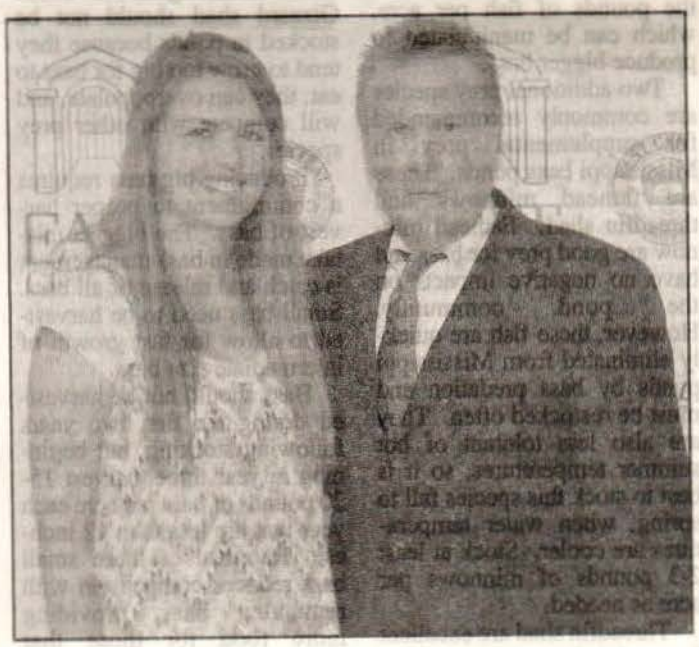


Scholarship recipient

Neshoba Central High School graduate Leah Ferguson, left, of Philadelphia is the 2014 recipient of the Leon Eubanks KALJYC-PEERS Scholarship. She is shown with David Case, ECCC Vice President for Research and Effectiveness. (EC Photo)



Scholarship recipient

Kaylyn White, left, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the 2014 recipient of the Prentice and Dorothy Copeland Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown with Mickey Vance, ECCC Vice President for Business Operations, during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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ECCC's PBL HONORED AT NATIONALS

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East Central Community College in Decatur was well represented at the National Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference, as an adviser and students representing Theta Chi chapter received various honors at the annual competition held earlier this summer in Nashville. Award winners include (seated from left) Hannah Clark, fifth place, Parliamentary Procedure and Leah Ferguson, 14th place, Small Business Management Plan and Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda for Mississippi, both of Philadelphia; Patricia Thweatt and Latisha Johnson, 14th place, Business Ethics, both of Decatur; and Jessie Boatner, fourth place, Local Chapter Annual Business Report and fifth place, Parliamentary Procedure, and Virginia Easley, eighth place, Integrated Marketing Campaign and 14th place, Small Business Management Plan, both of Philadelphia; and (standing from left) adviser Thomas Fortenberry of Union, computer networking technology instructor; Chance Lovern of Philadelphia, fifth place, Parliamentary Procedure; participant Josh Bradley of Union; Jeremy Hudson of DeKalb, fifth place, Parliamentary Procedure; Denzel Clemons of Philadelphia, 14th place, Small Business Management Plan; Austin Jordan of Conehatta, fifth place, Parliamentary Procedure; and business technology instructor Christy Ferguson of Philadelphia, who was selected PBL Adviser of the Year in Mississippi. In addition, Theta Chi was one of two state chapters to receive the prestigious Gold Seal recognition.

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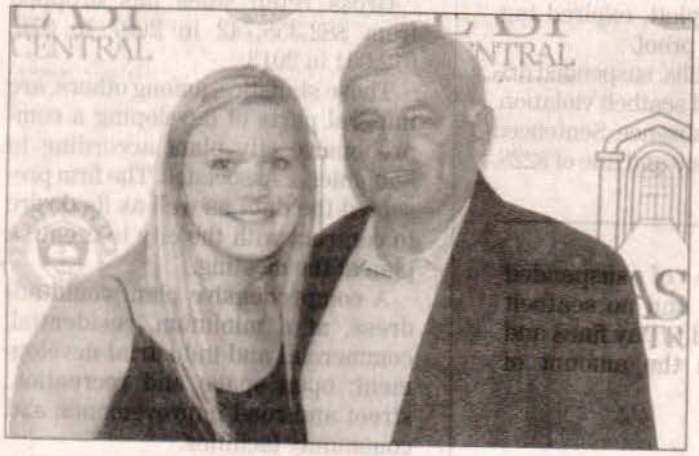
ECCC presents scholarships at awards luncheon



Newton County High School graduate Lindsey Savell, left, is the 2014 recipient of the Harrison Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. Representing the donors is Ricky Harrison.

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Newton County High School graduate Peyton Cain, left, received the BankPlus Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. At right is bank representative Coleen Stevens.

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Students and advisers representing East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa display the various awards received earlier this year at the organization's international convention held in Orlando, Florida. The ECCC chapter in Decatur received a Top 25 Most Distinguished College Project award, was recognized as one of the top 100 international chapters and was once again selected a Five-Star Chapter. Pictured are (front row, from left) advisers Chris Ryals (drafting and design technology instructor), Jenna Wright (math instructor) and Amanda Walton (workforce education counselor); and (standing from left) chapter members Kristen Gordy of Forest, Will Myers of Philadelphia; and Zach Allen of Louisville. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges.

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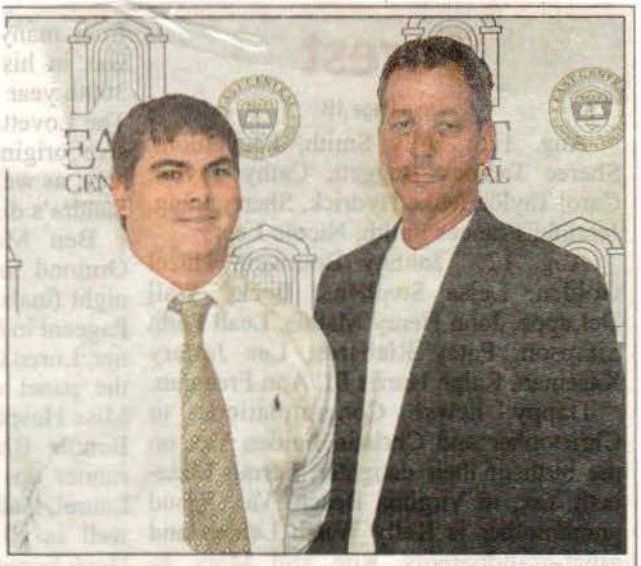

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Bryce Power (left), a graduate of Forest High School, is the recipient of the Mable Moore Carr Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. Also pictured is Hugh Carr, who, along with his three brothers, established the scholarship in 1996 in honor of their mother, a former secondary school teacher. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.

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ECCC recognizes 2014 Practical Nursing Program graduates

Careers in the healthcare field await the above graduates of East Central Community College's Practical Nursing Program, who received special recognition at the annual pinning ceremony held in Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Students who completed the 12-month program and their respective hometowns include: (first row, from left) Savannah Hillman, Conehatta; Brooklynn Paige Boyette, Noxapater; Tratia Foster, Meridian; Candace Irine Bradley, Rose Hill; Alyssa Norwood and Miriam Williams, both of Decatur; Stephanie Hope Linch, Louisville; Sharonnie Barney, Bailey; and Callie Craig, Carthage; (second row, from left) Arianna Creekmore, Philadelphia; Hope Ware, Union; Jenah Brown, Meridian; Amy Ishee, Bay Springs; Heather Hannah, Louisville; LaShondra Hall and Brittani Rhoney, both of Meridian; Ashleigh Hutson, Pulaski; and Ashley Green and Crystal Carter, both of Meridian; Allyson Nichols, Morton and Hadley Shea Tate, Philadelphia; and (third row, from left) Christy Wilson, instructor; Tommy Kelley, Meridian; Kelli Dailey, Decatur; Natalia Jones, Pachuta; Conashya Headd, Louisville; Tony Alford and Sean Johnson, both of Forest; Vicki Brown (Practical Nursing Student of the Year), Carthage; Lauren Humphries, Decatur; and Theresa Cole, instructor.

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2014-2015 ECCC Campus Leaders

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ECCC CAMPUS LEADERS Shown are 2014-2015 student government officers at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students and their respective hometowns include (from left) Leah Ferguson, Student Body Association (SBA) president, of Philadelphia; Warner Parkes, SBA treasurer, of Nanih Waiya; Hannah Mitchell, SBA vice president, of Meridian; and Addie Ambrosier, SBA secretary, of Magee. Director of Housing/Student Activities Kristi Smith serves as sponsor.

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ECCC yearbook takes third place in state competition

special to The Star

East Central Community College in Decatur was one of eight Mississippi Community and Junior Colleges participating in the 2013-14 Mississippi Community and Junior College Press Association Yearbook Competition. ECCC's Wo-He-Lo finished third overall.

Category placings for ECCC include: cover, tied for first; theme, tied for first; typography, second; copy, second; structure, third; design, third; and photography, seventh.

Jones County Junior College took the overall top honor followed by Northwest Community College in second. The remaining order of overall finish was: Southwest Community College, fourth; Itawamba Community College, fifth; Holmes Community College, sixth; Northeast Community College, seventh; and Gulf Coast Community College, eighth.

Serving on the Wo-He-Lo editorial board were Morgan, Easterling, Girling, Rolison, Cook and McNeil, all assistant editors; Herrington and Smith, both senior assistant editors; and Bell, editor. ECCC Publications Coordinator Gennie Phillips of Forest serves as adviser.

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East Central Community College in Decatur finished third overall in the 2013-14 Mississippi Community and Junior College Press Association Yearbook Competition. Members of the 2013-14 Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff include (front row, from left) Samantha Morgan of Louisville, Bailey Easterling of Forest, Anna Girling of Carthage, DeeJay Rolison of Conehatta, Shannon McNeil of Sebastopol, and Emily Cook of Carthage, assistant editors; Madison Herrington of Union and Payton Smith of Forest, senior assistant editors; and Conor Bell of Carthage, editor; and (second row, from left) Brianna Parkman of Lake, Will Stokes of Philadelphia, Allie Killens of Saltilo, Brooke Smith of Noxapater, Estefania Olmedo of Carthage, Madison Barnett of Noxapater, Kimberly Harrison of Forest and Dominick Fields of Forest.

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ALFORD ATTENDS ECCC ORIENTATION

Jason Alford (left) of Forest, a 2014 graduate of East Rankin Academy, was among area students who attended orientation activities held during the summer at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is shown receiving assistance from Deanna Rush, Director of Admissions and Records. Fall classes begin Monday, August 18. For more information, contact ECCC Student Services at 601-635-6205 or email rlee@eccc.edu.

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GROVE RECEIVES CLASS OF 1964 SCHOLARSHIP

East Central Community College sophomore Jennifer Grove (third from left) of Forest, a graduate of East Rankin Academy, is the recipient of the ECCC Class of 1964 Scholarship. Also pictured are donor representatives (from left) Bill Lea, Dr. Harold Aycock, John Boutwell and Jerald P. Everett. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value. ECCC PHOTO

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Eduardo Santillan (left), a product of Forest High School, and David Banks (center), a Scott Central High School graduate, are recipients of the Mississippi Automotive Manufacturers Association Scholarships at East Central Community College in Decatur. They are show with Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC Vice President for Instruction, during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12.

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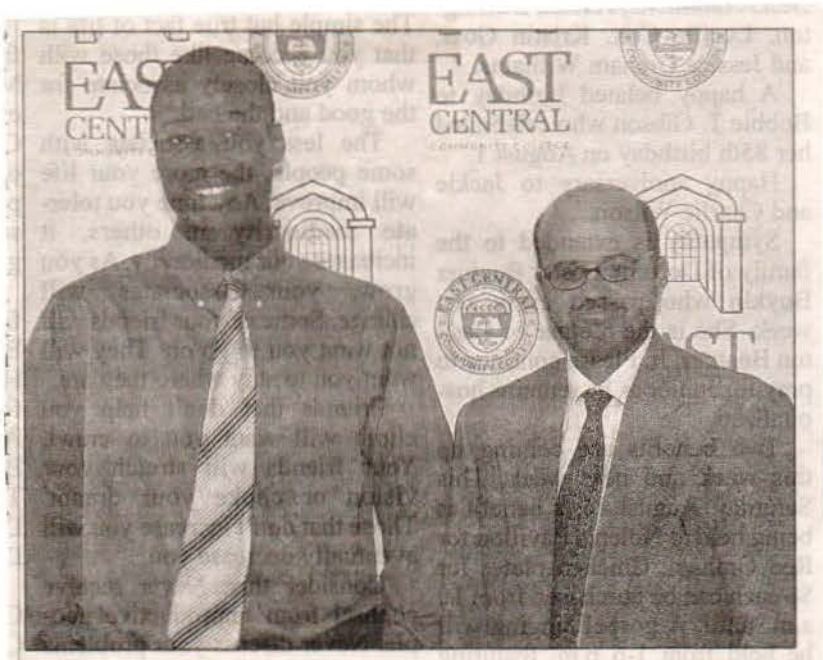
MCCANN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AT ECCC

Shelby McGrew (center), a 2014 graduate of Lake High School, is the recipient of the Russell McCann Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is pictured with donor representatives Teresa Williamson Shannon and Ricky Shannon during the annual Scholarship Appreciation Program held June 12. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.



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BROWN RECEIVES DOBBS SCHOLARSHIP

Sophomore Christopher Brown (left), a graduate of Forest High School, is the recipient of the Tony Dobbs Memorial Golf Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is shown with David Case, ECCC Vice President for Research and Effectiveness. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12.

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ECCC awards scholarships to students at

Rachel Rogers, center, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the Iris Pellegrene Boggan Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. This scholarship was established in 2008 in honor of Iris Pellegrene Boggan, R.N., right, who, along with her husband, the late Dr. Austin P. Boggan, ran a general practice clinic in Decatur for more than 50 years. Also pictured is the Boggans' granddaughter, Natalie Boggan Thompson of Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony.

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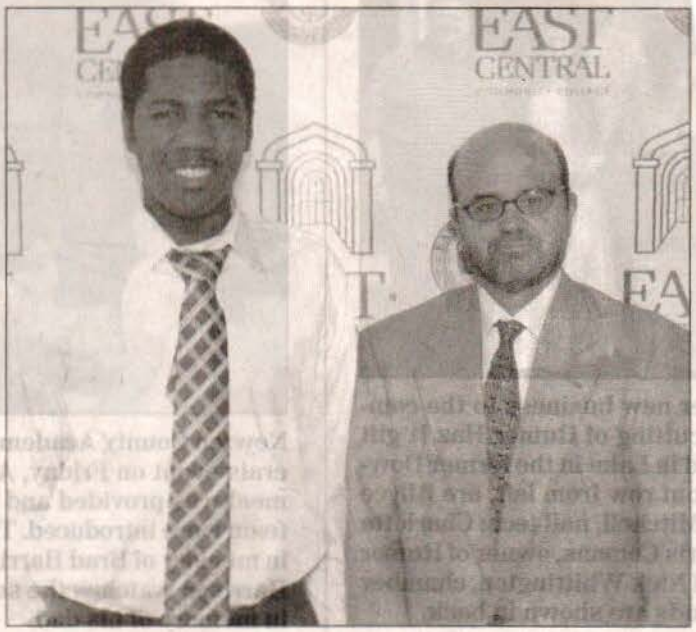

Stefan McClellan, left, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Jack and Mary Jo White Scholarship provided at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is shown with David Case, vice president for institutional research and effectiveness, during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Houston Martin, left, of Newton County is the 2014 recipient of the Robert G. Fick Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is shown with ECCC Vice President for Business Operations Mickey Vance during the Scholarship Appreciation Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. .

Sophomore Katy Ezelle, center, is the recipient of the Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton/Emerson Electric Scholarship provided at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Newton County High School product is shown with donor representatives Mr. and Mrs. Kinoth Thornton during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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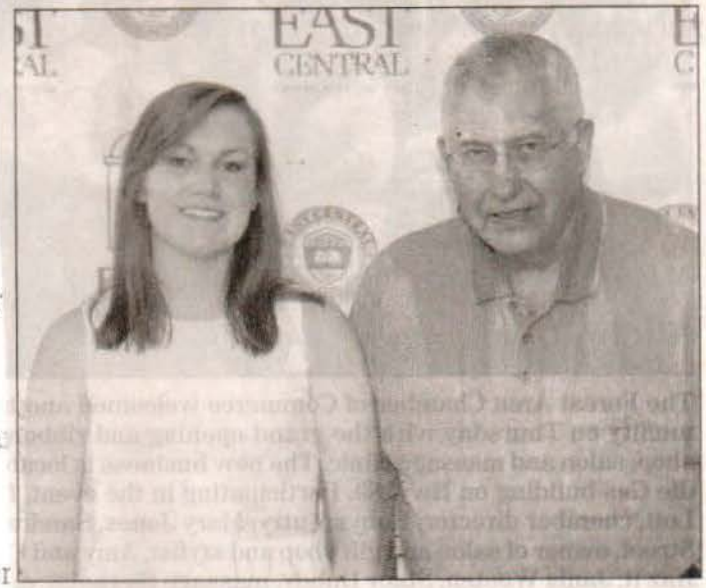

Lalah McMullan, left, a graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the James E. Land Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. Also pictured is Dr. Harold Aycock, who in 2003 established the scholarship in memory of James Land, who was his vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Hickory High School. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Devon Campbell, left, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Andrew Wilson Lathem Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is pictured with Mickey Vance, ECCC Vice President for Business Operations, during the annual Scholarship Appreciation Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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MITCHELL RECEIVES HOLLINGSWORTH SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Mitchell (left), a 2014 graduate of Lake High School, is the recipient of the Albert F. and Fannie M. Hollingsworth Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is pictured with Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC Vice President for Instruction, during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.

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Student of the year

Vicki Brown, center, of Carthage, is recognized as East Central Community College's Practical Nursing Student of the Year during the program's recent 2014 pinning ceremony. She received the honor from practical nursing instructors Christy Wilson, left, and Theresa Cole. Brown was among 29 students who completed the 12-month program.

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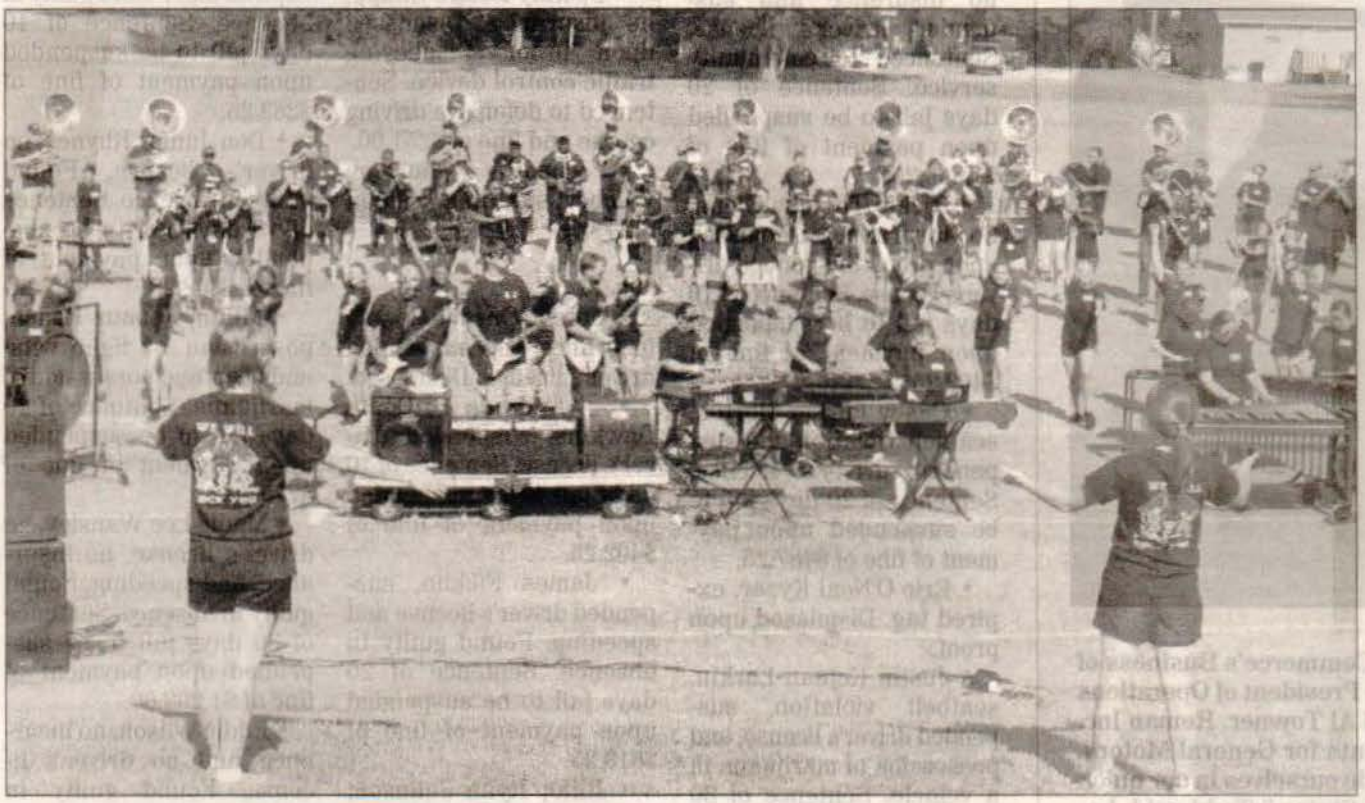
ECCC Wall O'Sound completes band exhibition



East Central Community College's Wall O' Sound Marching Band completed Band Camp activities with the annual Exhibition performance Friday, Aug. 8, on the Decatur campus. The 175-plus musicians provided a preview of this year's halftime show, "We Will Rock You," featuring songs by Queen. A large crowd was on hand to watch the Wall O' Sound's performance on the band practice field. Hunter Corhern serves as director of bands and Ed Girling is assistant director. The Wall O' Sound will be led by drum majors Katie Sanford of Decatur, Sarah Hall of Philadelphia and Louise Berryhill and Danielle Horne, both of Union.

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ECCC yearbook staff takes third place in state

East Central Community College in Decatur finished third overall in the 2013-14 Mississippi Community and Junior College Press Association Yearbook Competition. Members of the 2013-14 Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff include (front row, from left) Samantha Morgan of Louisville, Bailey Easterling of Forest, Anna Girling of Carthage, DeeJay Rolison of Conehatta, Shannon McNeil of Sebastopol, and Emily Cook of Carthage, assistant editors; Madison Herrington of Union and Payton Smith of Forest, senior assistant editors; and Conor Bell of Carthage, editor; and (second row, from left) Brianna Parkman of Lake, Will Stokes of Philadelphia, Allie Killens of Saltilo, Brooke Smith of Noxapater, Estefania Olmedo of Carthage, Madison Barnett of Noxapater, Kimberly Harrison of Forest and Dominick Fields of Forest.

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From school reports

East Central Community College in Decatur was one of eight Mississippi Community and Junior Colleges participating in the 2013-14 Mississippi Community and Junior College Press Association Yearbook Competition. ECCC's Wo-He-Lo finished third overall.

Category placings for ECCC include: cover, tied for first; theme, tied for first; typography, second; copy, second; structure, third; design, third; and photography, seventh.

Jones County Junior College took the overall top honor followed by Northwest Community College in second. The remaining order of overall finish was: Southwest Community College, fourth; Itawamba Community College, fifth; Holmes Community College, sixth; Northeast Community College, seventh; and Gulf Coast Community College, eighth.

The 2013-14 yearbook staff members include Samantha Morgan of Louisville, Payton Smith, Kimberly Harrison, Katlyn Patrick, Brady Power, Matthew Evans, Dominick Fields and Bailey Easterling, all of Forest; Anna Girling, Emily Cook, Estefania Olmedo and Conor Bell, all of Carthage; Martin Johnson of Nanih Waiya, DeeJay Rolison of Conehatta, Shannon McNeil of Sebastopol, Madison Herrington of Union, Brianna Parkman of Lake, Will Stokes of Philadelphia, Allie Killens of Saltilo, Claire Griffin, Axie Jones and Zach Yates, all of Decatur; and Brooke Smith and Madison Barnett, both of Noxapater.

Serving on the Wo-He-Lo editorial board were Morgan, Easterling, Girling, Rolison, Cook and McNeil, all assistant editors; Herrington and Smith, both senior assistant editors; and Bell, editor. ECCC Publications Coordinator Gennie Phillips of Forest serves as advisor.

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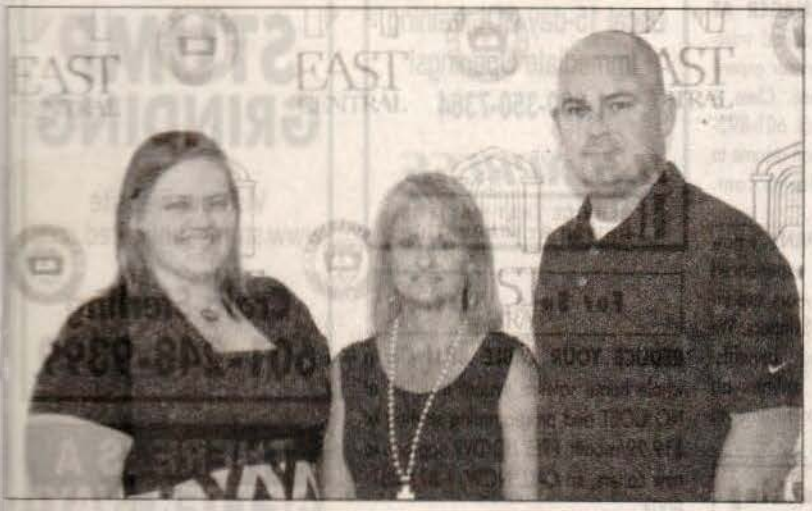
ECCC scholarships awarded at campus ceremony



Chelsea Taylor, left, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Kyle Dunkerson Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is pictured with Angela and Jody Kyzar, who, along with family and friends, established this scholarship in 2012 to honor the memory of their son, Kyle Dunkerson, who was a student at ECCC when he died in an automobile accident. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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James McElhenney, left, a graduate of Union High School, is the 2014 recipient of the Jessica Cager Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is shown with Jessica's mother, Inez Cager, during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Hannah Bryan, left, is the 2014 recipient of the Ovid S. and Carol F. Vickers Scholarship provided at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Newton County High School product is shown with donor representative Carol Shackelford during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Stephen Stewart, left, is the 2014 recipient of the Warrior Golf Classic Alumni Association Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Newton County High School product is shown with Alumni Association representative Jeanette Thrash during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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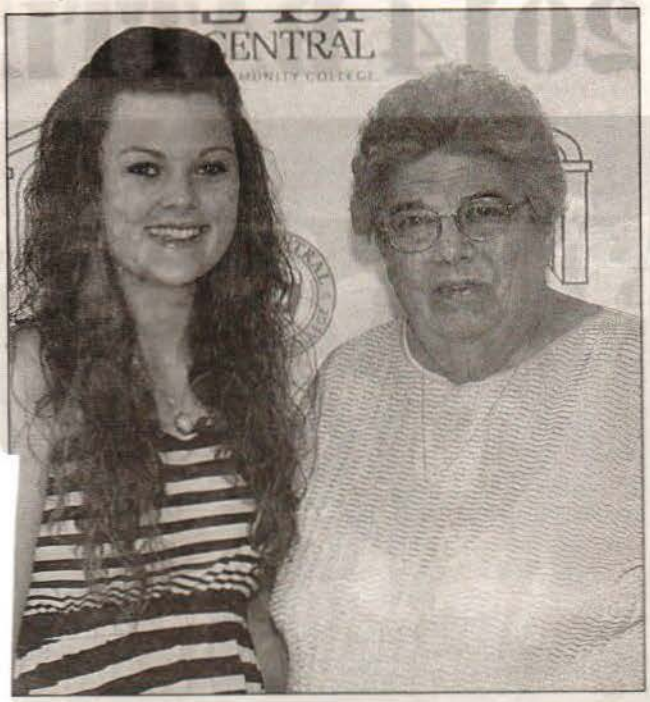

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Kristen Gordy (left) of Forest, a graduate of East Rankin Academy, is the recipient of the Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown with Burkes during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony. During the 2014 event, more than 120 students received 124 endowed or annual scholarships totaling approximately $89,000 in value.

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Phi Beta Lambda officers

East Central Community College students chosen as Phi Beta Lambda officers include, from left, front, Virginia Easley, president, Philadelphia; Jessica Price, vice president, Decatur; Leah Ferguson, secretary, Philadelphia; back Mark Hale, treasurer, Little Rock; Kelsey Sikes, historian, Carthage; Dominique Rush, parliamentarian, and Devin Skinner, reporter, both of Philadelphia. Phi Beta Lambda promotes development of leadership, communication and team skills.

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Scott County members of ECCC Wall O' Sound

Scott County students who are members of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Rachel Lopez of Morton; Jennifer Argueta-Martinez of Forest; Taylor Bone of Lake; Kimberly Patrick of Forest; Acacia Brown of Lake; and Rebecca Hitt of Sebastopol; (second row, from left) Surpriyce McDaniel of Lake; Daniela Vargas of Morton; Amanda Brown and Faith Emmons, both of Lake; Lindsay Hedge of Forest; Tallie Johnston of Lake; and Bri Cooks of Scott Central; (third row, from left) Dustin Fisher, Symone Ickom, and Mikenia Ickom, all of Lake; Ian Lanthrip of Sebastopol; Dakota Hollingsworth of Lake; and William Milner of Scott Central; (fourth row, from left) Kayla Sudduth, Kara Yates, and Taylor Cornelison, all of Morton; Brittney Taylor of Lake; and Mark Beasley of Sebastopol; (fifth row, from left) Thomas Robertson of Forest; Zachary Emmons and Anthony Emmons, both of Lake; Evan Derrick of Morton; Jeremy Collins of Scott Central; and Jonathon Hodge of Lake; and (back row, from left) Thomoz Smith of Scott Central; Alan Graham of Forest; Nickolas Robinson of Scott Central; Ryan McClendon of Forest; and Caleb Franklin of Morton. Hunter Corhern is beginning his third year as ECCC Director of Bands. Additional staff members include Ed Girling, assistant director; Tina Sanders, Centralette coordinator/choreographer; and Kelsey Sikes, Color Guard coordinator. (EC Photo)

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Wall O' Sound Band to 'Rock'

DECATUR — Another entertaining halftime performance is scheduled by the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band during the 2014 football season, according to Hunter Corhern, now in his third year as director of bands.

Corhern said the 175 talented musicians will perform several selections by the rock band Queen, as part of this year's halftime show, titled "We Will Rock You."

"This show has been a dream of [Assistant Director of Bands] Ed Girling (formerly a band director at Scott Central and Forest High School) for many years, but he has waited until we had the right group to put it together," Corhern said. "Last fall, based on returning members and recruitment numbers, we realized that it was finally time to bring the show to life!"

The Wall O' Sound Marching Band made its 2014 debut during halftime of the Warrior's home opener with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Thursday, September 11, at Bailey Stadium.

Song selections include We Will Rock You, Bohemian Rhapsody, Crazy Little Thing Called Love and We Are the Champions, among other famous Queen hits.

The Wall O' Sound is led on the field by drum majors Katie Sanford of Decatur, Sarah Hall of Philadelphia, and Louise Berryhill and Danielle Horne, both of Union.

Members of the 2014 Wall O' Sound from Scott County include Jennifer Argueta-Martinez, Acacia Brown, Jeremy Collins, Bri Cooks, Katie Fortenberry, Alan Graham, Lindsay Hedge, Symone Ickom, Ian Lanthrip, Ryan McClendon, Kim Patrick, Brittney Rawson, Thomas Robertson, and Thomoz Smith, all of Forest;

Taylor Bone, Amanda Brown, Anthony Emmons, Faith Emmons, Zachary Emmons, Dustin Fisher, Jonathon Hodge, Dakota Hollingsworth, Mikenia Ickom, Tallie Johnston, Surpriyce McDaniel and Brittney Taylor, all of Lake;

Hannah Mitchell, Jessica Moffett and Jacob Robinson, all of Meridian; Taylor Cornelison, Evan Derrick, Caleb Franklin, Grayson Harrell, Rachel Lopez, Malcolm McBride, Kayla Sudduth, Daniela Vargas and Kara Yates, all of Morton.

Band students from nearby communities bordering Scott County include Glenn Bender and Hannah Mitchell, both of Lawrence; William Milner, and Lorrie Moore, all of Lena; Mark Beasley and Steven Bloodsaw, both of Walnut Grove.

For more information on the ECCC Wall O'Sound Marching Band, contact Director of Bands Hunter Corhern, 601-635-6123 or e-mail hcorhern@eccc.edu.

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ECCC Wall O' Sound Marching Band

Neshoba County students who are members of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective high schools include (first row, from left) Courtney Hamilton of Heritage Christian Academy; Sarah Hall of Philadelphia; Kaylie Edwards of Neshoba Central; Cameron Higgason and Paige Brown, both of Philadelphia; and Kelcey Burrage of Neshoba Central; (second row, from left) Justice Boler and Quormesha Lindsey, both of Philadelphia; Erin Cumberland, Amber Jones, and Cady Smith, all of Neshoba Central; Randi Kelly of Philadelphia; and Katie Hillman of Neshoba Central; (third row, from left) Damien Lewis, Myeisha Jones, and Kaishanna Young, all of Philadelphia; Damian Savage of Neshoba Central; Keona Sanders and Tyieasha Evans, both of Philadelphia; Sara Thorne of Neshoba Central; and Rissa Smith of Philadelphia; (fourth row, from left) Brittnae Smith and Chireatha Drummond, both of Neshoba Central; Kaelin Gentry and Nohemi Velez, both of Philadelphia; and Shauncey Rich and Aaron Hancock, both of Neshoba Central; and (back row, from left) Jeremy Huddleston of Philadelphia; Charles Taylor, Zach Peden, David Fortenberry, Ben Pace, Jacolby Jenkins, and Jamian Savage, all of Neshoba Central. Not pictured is Shardae Spears of Neshoba Central. Hunter Corhern is beginning his third year as ECCC Director of Bands. Additional staff members include Ed Girling, assistant director; Tina Sanders, Centralette coordinator/choreographer; and Kelsey Sikes, Color Guard coordinator.

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East Central CC cheerleaders

Members of the 2014-15 cheerleading squad at East Central Community College include, from left, front, Natalie Lyles; Shelby Hempnill, Leake Academy; Kaitlyn Patrick; Layne Lepard; Mak Rowtee; Keri Ann Mayfield; and Kaitlin Smith and Madison Pettigrew, both of Scott Central; back, Lauren Coward; Lauren Peterson; Adam Porter; Cody Warren; Hunter Brown, Leake Academy; Warner Parkes; Alana Kron, and Haleigh West.

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Local students lead the EC band

Drum Majors for the 2014 East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band and their respective high schools are, pictured from left, Sarah Hall, Philadelphia; Louise Berryhill, Newton County; Danielle Horne, Union; and Katie Sanford, Newton County. Hunter Corhern is beginning his third year as ECCC Director of Bands. Additional staff members include Ed Girling, assistant director; Tina Sanders, Centralette coordinator/choreographer; and Kelsey Sikes, Color Guard coordinator.

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Newton County 'Wall O'Sound' musicians band together

Newton County students who are members of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band at East Central Community College in Decatur include, pictured front row from left, Courtney Williams, Nina LaBue, Aaren Avera, and Dylan Raines, all of Newton County; Jameccia Bailey of Union; and Brad Taylor, Brii Bout, and Patrick Embrey, all of Newton County; second row from left, Kaylee Yates of Newton County; Lauren Cassel of Union; Hannah Mitchell, Kaley Bufkin and Mackenzie Gannon, all of Newton County; MeMe Martin of Newton; Kelli Boulton of Newton County; and Jurnee Jordan of Newton; third row from left, Danielle Horne of Union; Katie Sanford and Louise Berryhill, both of Newton County; Jazmine Evans of Newton; Katy Ezelle, Katherine Jacome-Cluff, DeeJay Rolison, and Rachael Havard, all of Newton County; and Rachael Justice of Union; fourth row from left, Meilii Tumbling-Jordan and Chris Kelley, both of Newton; and Ashley Bozeman, Courtney Tillman, Katie Bradley, Kristen Felton, JoHannah Smith and Duster Allgood, all of Newton County; fifth row from left, Houston Martin and Hunter Vance, both of Newton County; Kara Miller of Newton County Academy; Catherine Yohe of Newton County; Jeremiah Chapman of Newton; Tori Malone of Union; and AnnaLea Clarke, Hannah Mitchell and Radiance Wright, all of Newton County; sixth row from left, Thomas Whinery of Union; Sarah Freeman of Newton County; Ryan Godwin of Newton; Jeremy Dade of Newton County; Glenn Bender of Newton; Ben Avera of Newton County; Austin McElhenney of Union; Kadrian Williams of Newton County; and Matt Mason of Union; and back row from left, Ryan Packer, Tylin Sorrells, Stephen Stewart, David Wilson, Josh Finley, Acea Ange, and Benji McLain, all of Newton County. Hunter Corhern is beginning his third year as ECCC Director of Bands. Additional staff members include Ed Girling, assistant director; Tina Sanders, Centralette coordinator/choreographer; and Kelsey Sikes, Color Guard coordinator.

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Celebrate

As part of Surgical Technologist Week held September 15-19, East Central Community College in Decatur celebrated with a pizza party honoring its students. The third week of September is recognized statewide to honor surgical technologists by the Mississippi Legislature. Taking part in the celebration are (front row, from left) Tywonna Harris of Lena, Shawna Peets of Union, Jessica Thames of Decatur, Kierra Griffin of Louisville, Victoria Smith of Morton, Nikla Wilson and Dakota Wilcher, both of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Veronica Ramsey of Meridian, Heather Clark of Philadelphia, Marcus Brown of Meridian, Brianna Evans of Clinton and Julie Pierce of Philadelphia. (EC PHOTO)

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2014-15 ECCC Collegians announced

Members of the 2014-2015 Collegians rock-n-roll band have been selected at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced director Chas Evans.

Those selected and their respective high schools include vocalists Ryan Godwin, Newton County; Garrett McDill, Sebastopol; Nick Stewart, Neshoba Central; Anna Wells, Winston Academy; Cara Jackson, Nanih Waiya; and Tallie Johnston, a homeschooler from Lake; rhythm section members Houston Martin (bass guitar) and Stephen Stewart (guitar), both of Newton County; Anna Girling (keyboard), Leake Central; Chris Kelly (drums), Newton; and Matt Mason (auxiliary percussion), Union; horn section members Zach Peden (saxophone) of Neshoba Central; Evan Derrick (trombone) of Morton; Nina Labue (trumpet), Newton County; and Daniella Vargas (trumpet), Morton; and technicians Ace Ange, Michael Buntyn, Hannah Mitchell, Patrick Embrey, Ryan Packer and Ben Avera, all of Newton County; Justin Moore, Leake Academy; Ryan McClendon, Forest; and Jeremy Collins, Scott Central.

The group's fall campus concert is schedule for 7 p.m. Novemeber 17, 2014 in Huff Auditorium.

For more information, contact Evans at 601-635-6227 or email .

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Inducted

Joshua Parker was recently initiated into Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society at East Central Community College in Decatur. Parker is the son of Dr. Tim and Brenda Parker of Foxworth. He is the grandson of Mary Parker and the late TF Parker of Philadelphia and Ludie Trosper and the late Charlie Trosper of Louisville.

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Finalizing ECCC Homecoming Plans

Making final preparations for East Central Community College's Homecoming scheduled Saturday, October 11, 2014, are the above Alumni Association officers and Board of Directors. Seated from left are Bruce Lee of Louisville, Winston County representative; Ann Hunter Burkes of Decatur, Newton County representative; Dr. Teresa Houston, vice president for instruction; Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations; Dow Thomas of Louisville, Association president; and Matt Alford of Forest, Scott County representative. Standing from left are Paul Chamblee and Pete Lucovich, both of Carthage, Leake County representatives; Bill Freeman of Forest, Scott County representative; Harvey Trapp of Decatur, Newton County representative; Dr. Billy Stewart, ECCC President; and Dr. Bob Tom Johnson of Forest, Association past president. For more information on Homecoming 2014, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, at 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her email address is sholling@eccc.edu. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Theta Xi Chapter

These outstanding East Central Community College students were inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, at the annual PTK Fall Induction Ceremony held Monday, Sept. 22 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. New members of the prestigious organization include front row, from left, Samantha Morgan, Louisville; Kaylee Yates, Decatur; Jamey Kinard, Louisville; and Faith Emmons, Lake; second row Nikki Triplett, Forest; Kelsey Smith, Louisville; Aaren Avera, Hickory; and Alana Knowles, Decatur; and back row, Brooke Smith, Noxapater; Justin Moore, Kosciusko; and Joshua Parker, Foxworth. Not pictured are inductees Mikayla May of Chunky and Justin Marcangeli of Philadelphia. Casie Page, student pastor at Northcrest Baptist Church, served as guest speaker. He was also inducted as an honorary Theta Xi member and adviser. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and Vice President for Instruction Dr. Teresa Houston also provided remarks and congratulated inductees. Workforce education counselor Amanda Walton, math instructor Jenna Wright, and drafting and design technology instructor Chris Ryals serve as Theta Xi Chapter advisers. (EC Photo)

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Numerous activities planned

The annual 5K Run/Walk and Kids' One-Mile Fun Run begins a full day of homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 11 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Competition starts at 7:30 a.m. at the North Campus Pavilion. A $20 entry is required for participation.

Registration for alumni begins at 9 a.m. near the Founders Gymnasium Breezeway. Retired ECCC English instructor Ovid Vickers will be available during the registration period to autograph copies of his recently published book, "The East Central I Knew: A History of East Central Community College." Refreshments will be available during registration.

The Memorabilia Room in Burton Library will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. as will the "This is Home: Medgar Evers, Mississippi and The Movement" exhibit, currently on display. Tours of the recently renovated and reconstructed Cross Hall will also be available during this time period.

The ECCC Bookstore will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those wanting to purchase College merchandize and other items.

Former Diamond Warriors are invited to participate in the biennial ECCC Alumni Baseball Game beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Clark/Gay Baseball Complex.

Cheryl Comans

Richard Fulmer

The Alumni Association Awards Luncheon gets under way at 11 a.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. The annual event is highlighted by the recognition of alumni of the year and athletic hall of fame inductees.

Troy Henderson

Michael Waldrop

This year's honorees include Cheryl L. Comans (Class of 1981) of Cleveland, Alumna of the Year; Dr. Michael W. Waldrop (Class

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of 1968) of Clinton, Alumnus of the Year; Richard L. Fulmer (Class of 1959) of Deatsville, Ala., and Troy H. Henderson (Class of 1954) of Raymond, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees; and James Bobby Everett (Class of 1948) of Decatur, Lifetime Achievement Award.

Special reunion groups include the Class of 1949; Class of 1964; Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959; the 1994 Lady Warrior Basketball Team; and members of all classes ending in 4."

Members of the 1964 Class will receive 50th Anniversary Diplomas from ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart during a special ceremony beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Other activities scheduled for Homecoming Day include the Lil' Warrior Kid Zone, from 1 p.m. to approximately 4 p.m. at Bailey Stadium, and Warrior Club tailgating and annual meeting beginning at 1 p.m. on the deck inside Bailey Stadium.

The Warrior football team hosts Jones County Junior College at 2:30 p.m. at Bailey Stadium.

The homecoming court will be presented during halftime ceremonies, followed by a performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band.

For more information about Homecoming 2014, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for Foundation and Alumni Relations, at 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327.

Her email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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ECCC Native American Club Officers

Numerous Choctaw Central High School and Neshoba Central High School graduates are continuing their education this fall at East Central Community College in Decatur. College officials welcomed the outstanding students during the first Native American Club meeting of the 2014-15 school year. Pictured on the steps of Burton Library are, first row, from left, Melanie Kopaddy, Shaneisha Willlis, Emily Shoemake and Breanna Lasiloo; second row, Tara Dixon, Shaya Chickaway, Dakota Hicks and Brandi Charlie; third row, Gary Willis, Benjamin Guyette, Kelly Dixon and Cristen Jim; fourth row Juan-Diego McMillan and Kayla Stephens; fifth row, Michael Alexander, EC academic counselor/recruiter; Shawn Smith; and ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart; and sixth row, Dr. Randall Lee, ECCC Vice President for Student Services; Quinn Carlisle, former Choctaw Central counselor; and Claire Threatt, current Choctaw Central counselor. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Native American Club Officers

Numerous Choctaw Central High School and Neshoba Central High School graduates are continuing their education this fall at East Central Community College in Decatur. College officials welcomed the outstanding students during the first Native American Club meeting of the 2014-15 school year. Pictured on the steps of Burton Library are, first row, from left, Melanie Kopaddy, Shaneisha Willlis, Emily Shoemake and Breanna Lasiloo; second row, Tara Dixon, Shaya Chickaway, Dakota Hicks and Brandi Charlie; third row, Gary Willis, Benjamin Guyette, Kelly Dixon and Cristen Jim; fourth row Juan-Diego McMillan and Kayla Stephens; fifth row, Michael Alexander, EC academic counselor/recruiter; Shawn Smith; and ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart; and sixth row, Dr. Randall Lee, ECCC Vice President for Student Services; Quinn Carlisle, former Choctaw Central counselor; and Claire Threatt, current Choctaw Central counselor. (EC Photo)

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East Central Community College awards

Taylor Lott, left, a graduate of Scott Central High School, is the recipient of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is pictured with bank representative Camp Keith during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Devon Campbell, left, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Andrew Wilson Lathem Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is pictured with Mickey Vance, ECCC Vice President for Business Operations, during the annual Scholarship Appreciation Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Houston Martin, left, of Newton County is the 2014 recipient of the Robert G. Fick Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is shown with ECCC Vice President for Businesss Operations Mickey Vance during the Scholarship Appreciation Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Sophomore Katy Ezelle, center, is the recipient of the Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton/Emerson Electric Scholarship provided at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Newton County High School product is shown with donor representatives Mr. and Mrs. Kinoth Thornton during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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East Central Community College sophomore Aaren Avera, right, a graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the ECCC Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959 Scholarship. She is shown with donor representative Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth of Louisville during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony.

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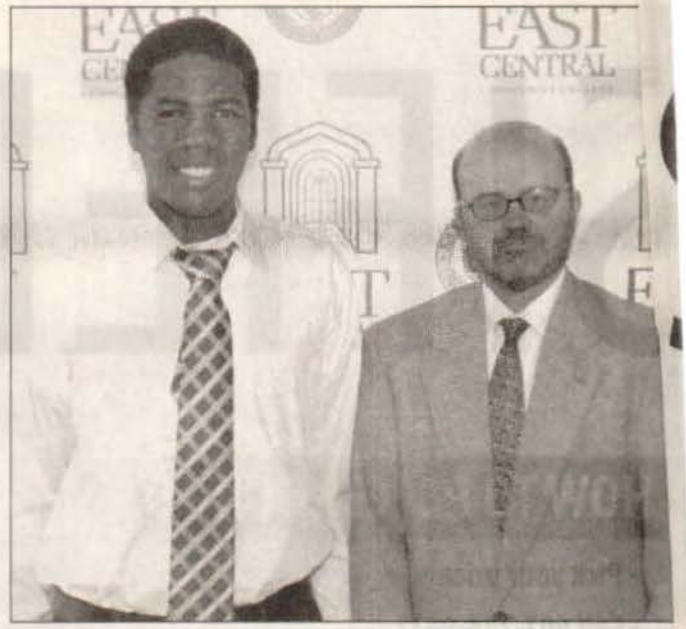
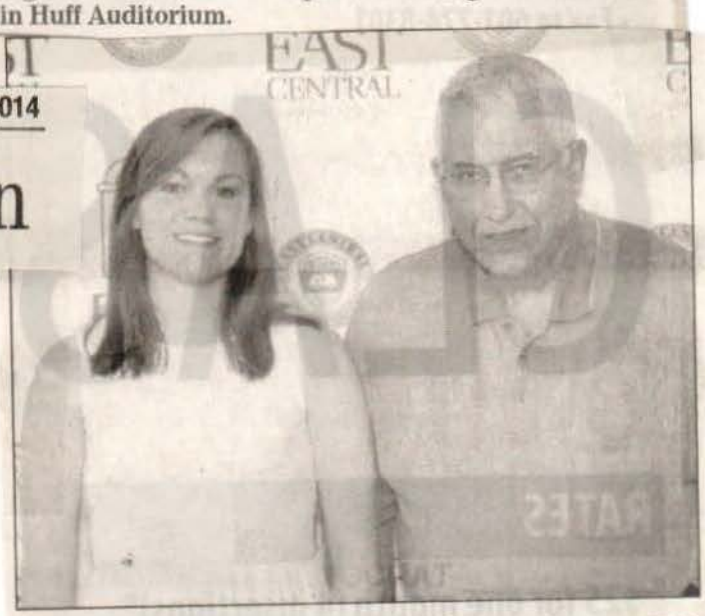
East Central Community College awards scholarships at reception

Rachel Rogers, center, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is the recipient of the Iris Pellegrene Boggan Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. This scholarship was established in 2008 in honor of Iris Pellegrene Boggan, R.N., right, who, along with her husband, the late Dr. Austin P. Boggan, ran a general practice clinic in Decatur for more than 50 years. Also pictured is the Boggans' granddaughter, Natalie Boggan Thompson of Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium. A luncheon was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria following the awards ceremony.



Stefan McClellan, left, a 2014 graduate of Newton Coun High School, is the recipient of the Jack and Mary J White Scholarship provided at East Central Communit College in Decatur. He is shown with David Case, vic president for institutional research and effectiveness, du ing the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 1 in Huff Auditorium.



Lalah McMullan, left, a graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the James E. Land Memorial Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. Also pictured is Dr. Harold Aycock, who in 2003 established the scholarship in memory of James Land, who was his vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Hickory High School. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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ECCC NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB OFFICERS

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These students were recently selected to lead the Native American Club in 2014-15 at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left: Emily Shoemake, president, Breanna Lasilou, vice president, and Shaneisha Willis, treasurer – all products of Choctaw Central High School – and Gary Willis, secretary, of Neshoba Central High School. Leslie Hughes, dean of Learning Resources, and Elizabeth Minter, librarian, serve as Native American Club sponsors.

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ECCC HOMECOMING COURT

Members of the 2014 Homecoming Court at East Central Community College are: seated, from left, sophomore maids – Anna Katherine Nowell of Philadelphia and Cara Jackson of Nanih Waiya; queen – Nikki Triplett of Forest; maid of honor – MaChasity Leflore of Carthage and sophomore maid – Mallory Turner of Meridian; and standing, from left, freshman maids – Courtney Hamilton of Philadelphia, Kaley Bufkin of Decatur, Skylar Davidson of Morton and Sydney Keith of Philadelphia. The homecoming court was selected during elections held recently on the Decatur campus. The queen and her court will be presented Saturday, during halftime of the Warriors' Homecoming battle with Jones County Junior College scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

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ECCC Homecoming Court

Members of the 2014 Homecoming Court at East Central Community College in Decatur included (front row, from left) sophomore maids Cara Beth Jackson of Nanih Waiya, Anna Katherine Nowell of Philadelphia and Mallory Turner of Collinsville; maid of honor MaChasity Leflore of Carthage; queen Nikki Triplett of Forest; and freshman maids Skylar Davidson of Morton, Courtney Hamilton of Philadelphia, Kaley Bufkin of Decatur and Sydney Keith of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) escorts Clay Jackson of Nanih Waiya, Zach Butler of Philadelphia, Reagan Warren of Decatur, Javon Yarbrough of Louisville, Bryce Power of Forest, Miles Johnson of Louisville, Caleb Brown of Philadelphia, Peyton Cain of Decatur and Wes Brown of Carthage. The queen and her court were presented Saturday, October 11, during halftime of the ECCC vs. Jones County Junior College football game. (EC Photo)

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ECCC STUDENTS TAPPED FOR PTK

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These outstanding East Central Community College students were inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, at the annual PTK Fall Induction Ceremony held recently in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. New members of the prestigious organization include: (front row, from left) Samantha Morgan, Louisville; Kaylee Yates, Decatur; Jamey Kinard, Louisville; and Faith Emmons, Lake; (second row, from left) Nikki Triplett, Forest; Kelsey Smith, Louisville; Aaren Avera, Hickory; and Alana Knowles, Decatur; and (back row, from left) Brooke Smith, Noxapater; Justin Moore, Kosciusko; and Joshua Parker, Foxworth. Not pictured are inductees Mikayla May of Chunky and Justin Marcangeli of Philadelphia. Casie Page, student pastor at Northcrest Baptist Church, served as guest speaker and was inducted as an honorary Theta Xi member and adviser. Workforce education counselor Amanda Walton, math instructor Jenna Wright, and drafting and design technology instructor Chris Ryals serve as Theta Xi Chapter advisers.

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Jacob McNeil, left, a graduate of Raleigh High School, is the recipient of the Pleas Clayton and Nancy Breazeale Blount Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. He is pictured with donor representative Jeanette Thrash of Decatur. The award was presented during the annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Chunky Community News

Homecoming service at C

This coming weekend, Chunky Baptist Church will host its annual homecoming service. The Rev. Brad Campbell will be the morning's speaker. I look forward to spending time with my family there that day, and hearing my brother preach. I don't get to do that very often.

Last weekend, my daughters who don't live here spent a few days with us. The best thing about my girls being with me is just that — they are with me. I don't care if we are playing a board game, watching a movie, listening to music, talking, going to church or something else — I simply love being with them.

I spent just a couple of hours with my oldest son a couple of weeks ago — he also doesn't live here — and really enjoyed that, too. When I don't see my children for a little while, I'm even happier to get to spend time with them.

My other son, who does live with me, is a college student. I

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Victoria Dumas, left, a 2014 graduate of Newton County High School, is the recipient of the Dustan Todd Memorial Scholarship presented at East Central Community College in Decatur. She is shown with Mickey Vance, ECCC Vice President for Business Operations, during the annual Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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East Central Community College sophomore Haleigh West, left, of Newton County High School is the 2014 recipient of the Frances Brown Crenshaw Nursing Scholarship. The scholarship was established to recognize Mrs. Crenshaw for her more than 43 years of nursing service. She is pictured with Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC Vice President for Instruction. The award was presented during the annual ECCC Scholarship Awards Program held June 12 in Huff Auditorium.

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Local students attend career fair at college

More than 200 area students from various schools in Newton County recently attended a Career Fair held in the Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium on the East Central Community College campus in Decatur. Colleges from across Mississippi and Alabama participated in the event. Josh Mason, pictured at left, a student at Newton County High School, was among visitors to the East Central Community College booth, where he received information on admissions requirements and campus life. He is shown talking with ECCC student recruiters Kaitlin Smith of Scott Central, Macken'z Smith of Newton County, Madison Pettigrew of Scott Central and Layne Lepard of Neshoba Central. For more information on East Central Community College, contact the Student Services office at 601-635-6205 or email rlee@eccc.edu

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Armstrong to present ECCC Humanities Program Oct. 27

Special to The Star

DECATUR – English and literature instructor Jason Armstrong of Meridian was recently selected 2014 Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher of the Year at East Central Community College.

Each year, the Mississippi Humanities Council honors one faculty member from each of the state's community colleges and four-year colleges and universities.

In recognition of his selection, Armstrong will present a program titled "What Did Socrates Say to the Chicken Farmer" at 6:30 p.m. in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

"I will relate my personal and professional experiences outside of education; discuss the importance of a Humanities-focused curriculum in education; and explain why the community college system is the most unique position to emphasize this focus."

Armstrong graduated with a bachelor's degree from the College of Agriculture (Poultry Science) at Mississippi State University in 1997, was awarded a master's in business administration in 1998, and a master of arts in Teaching (Community College Education with English emphasis) in 2009.

Prior to joining the East Central family in August 2009, he served as an adjunct professor of management at Mississippi State University in Meridian, as well as a commercial relationship banker in Meridian, Tupelo and Jackson.

Armstrong is a 2010 graduate of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, and he was chosen as the HEADWAE Outstanding Faculty Honoree in 2011. In addition to these honors, he has attended the Southeastern School of Commercial Lending at Vanderbilt University and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

The son of Meridian natives Charlotte and Richard Armstrong, a retired colonel in the United States Marine Corps, Armstrong currently splits time between Meridian and New Orleans, where his girlfriend, Danielle, a former East Central student, is pursuing a master's degree in nursing and certification as a family nurse practitioner at Nicholls State University.

Armstrong

He has recently published articles in America's Civil War magazine as well as LEGENDS magazine, in which he interviewed East Central alumnus, Randy Houser.

For more information, contact Dr. Teresa Houston, ECCC vice president for instruction, at (601) 635-6203, or email thouston@eccc.edu

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Honored at national conference

East Central Community College business technology instructor Christy Ferguson, left, and her daughter, sophomore Leah Ferguson, both of Philadelphia, received special recognition at the National Phi Beta Lambda Conference held earlier this summer in Nashville. Christy Ferguson was recognized as PBL Adviser of the Year in Mississippi, and Leah was selected for Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda for Mississippi. Leah also placed 14th with other Theta Chi chapter members in the Small Business Management Plan competition. The Fergusons have been affiliated with FBLA-PBL for a combined 20 years. Several students representing the two-year college in Decatur also received honors at the annual competition. In addition, Theta Chi was one of only two state chapters to receive the prestigious Gold Seal recognition.

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SBA named at community college

Selected to lead East Central Community College's student body for 2014-15 and their respective high schools are pictured, front row from left, Kaley Bufkin, freshman class president and Kaylee Yates, freshman vice president, both of Newton County; Anna Claire Webb, freshman class secretary, Noxapater and Hannah May, freshman class treasurer, also of Newton County; back row, from left, Zack Allen, sophomore class president of Neshoba Central; Megan Robinson, sophomore class vice president and Cara Jackson, sophomore class secretary, both of Nanih Waiya; Matt Ferguson, sophomore class treasurer, Lake; Leah Ferguson, Student Body Association (SBA) president, Neshoba Central; Hannah Mitchell,SBA vice president, Newton County; Addie Ambrosier, SBA secretary, Magee; and Warner Parkes, SBA treasurer, Nanih Waiya.

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Nursing students donate school supplies

Members of the Practical Nursing Program at East Central Community College in Decatur recently donated school supplies to students in the Winston County School District. Pictured with the donated items include Practical Nursing Club officers, Lydia Wolfe and Megan McElhenney, both of Decatur, president and vice president, respectively; Lauren Whitehead of Louisville, secretary; and Nikki Tucker of Philadelphia, treasurer.

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EC supports breast cancer awareness

Numerous East Central Community College students, administrators, faculty and staff members showed their support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing "pink" for "Think Pink Day" Thursday, Oct. 16. Pictured are, first row from left, instructor Christy Ferguson, Alisha Dunn of Philadelphia, Tiffany Watkins of Lawrence, Victoria Burt of Louisville, Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia, Angela Anderson of Decatur, Toretha Norman of Newton and staff members Shelia Stamper and Laura Thorne; and, second row from left, staff members Sherrell Brown and Gina Mowdy, Roshumbria Nash of Carthage, Chireatha Drummond and Kimberly Watkins, both of Philadelphia; staff member Gennie Taylor, Tarra Hudson of Philadelphia, Kirstin Eversoll of Union and Layne Lepard of Philadelphia; and, back row from left, instructors Christy Wilson, Marcia Russell and Valerie Nicholson, Kenshelsa Boyd of Carthage, Shanetria Ickom of Lake, Caleb Brown of Philadelphia, administrator Bubby Johnston, Virginia Easley of Philadelphia, Tracy Gray of Lake and CrisAnn Bryan of Philadelphia. "Think Pink Day" was sponsored by the College's Phi Beta Lambda chapter.
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Constitution Day at ECCC

ECCC students commemorate Constitution Day
Students at East Central Community College celebrated Constitution Day on September 17

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Winners announced in ECCC Homecoming 5K

These participants captured first-place honors in their respective divisions of the annual East Central Community College 5K Race held as part of Homecoming activities Saturday, Oct. 11, on the Decatur campus. Pictured are. Seated from left, Griffin Bailey of Decatur (Kids' One-Mile Fun Run), Matthew Nowell of Philadelphia (Male 0-12), Kiersten Selman (Female 0-12) and Lori McMullan (Female 40-49), both of Decatur; Lanette Hanna of Louisville (Female Overall Masters) and Donna Luke Pierce of Philadelphia (Female Overall Grand Masters); and, standing from left, Charlie Creel of Sebastopol (Male Overall Masters), Hunter Collins of Noxapater (Male 20-29), Jerry Lewis of Lake (Male 30-39), Krissi Munn of Decatur (Female Overall), Erin Thornton of Walnut Grove (Female 20-29), Amanda Lewis of Lake (Female 30-39), Becky Monk (Female Walker Overall) and Stacy Monk (Male 50-59), both of Hickory. ECCC instructors Scott Hill and Susan Fox-Smith served as co-chairmen of the annual event.

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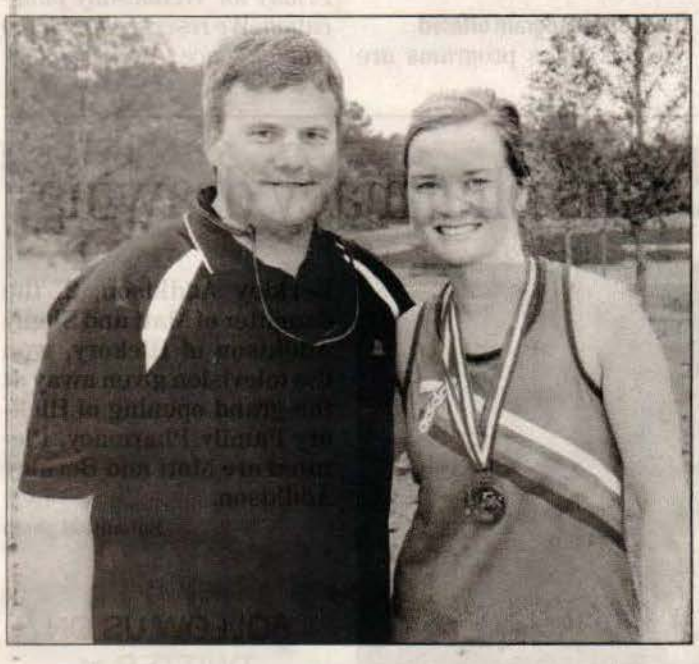

ABOVE LEFT: Krissi Munn of Decatur, pictured at right, of Decatur was the top female finisher in the annual East Central Community College 5K Run held as part of homecoming activities Saturday, Oct. 11. Munn completed the 3.1-mile course with a time of 27:44. ABOVE RIGHT: Charlie Gaddis, pictured at right, took top honors in the male division. Gaddis, a member of the Newton County High School Cross Country Team, finished the 3.1-mile course with a time of 19:13. Both racers are shown receiving congratulations from Scott Hill, race co-chairman.

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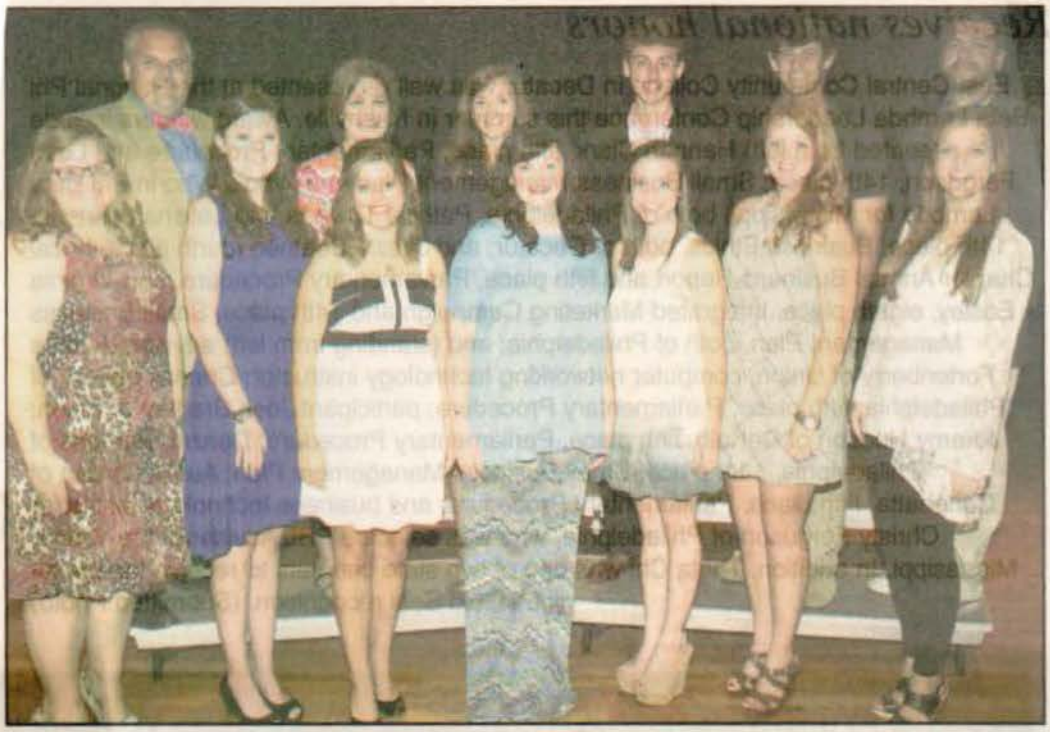

ECCC Phi Theta Kappa Leaders

Advisers and officers of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, are shown following the annual PTK Fall Induction Ceremony held Sept. 22, 2014, on the Decatur campus. Front row, from left, are student officers Bridgette McFarland of Philadelphia, webmaster; Kristen Gordy of Forest, vice president of fellowship; Jenny Grove of Forest, vice president of service; Allison Johnson of Philadelphia, chapter reporter; Amber Williams of Morton, vice president of scholarship; Hannah Mitchell of Meridian, secretary/treasurer; and Lauren Cantey of Collinsville, vice president of leadership. Back row, from left are guest speaker Casie Page, student pastor at Northwest Baptist Church, who was also recognized as an honorary member and Theta Xi adviser; Theta Xi advisers Amanda Walton (workforce education counselor) and Jenna Wright (math instructor); Zach Allen of Louisville, chapter president who also serves as president of the MS/LA Region of Phi Theta Kappa; Will Myers of Philadelphia, vice president of leadership; and Theta Xi adviser Chris Ryals (drafting and design technology instructor).

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ECCC Players present 'The Laurel and Hardy Murder Mystery'

Tickets are now on sale for the East Central Community College fall dinner theatre production of "The Laurel and Hardy Murder Mystery" by Barry Stoltze.

Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. Nov. 13-15 (Thursday – Saturday) in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

Director Stacey Pollock explains the story:

"It's 1939 – television is introduced in New York at the World's Fair. "The Boys," Laurel and Hardy, are about to break into the movie business thanks to Ollie's Uncle Norvel. Uncle Norvel is about to make the big announcement at a party to celebrate his new investment, but before he can, he is kidnapped. Evidently, there are people out there who would like to see this new-fangled device go away. Could the person responsible be the German silent film director Von Slowburn or his handler Greta Grebe who may have Nazi ties? Is it the starlet Mitzi Ditzi who will do anything to succeed? Maybe it's the silent film star Lillian Swansong or the young radio producer Mike Chex. Perhaps it is Orsen Wellfred the famous director. And don't forget DeForrest Ford Detreese, the inventor whose TV patent has been stolen. The show must go on and during Orsen Wellfred's radio rendition of "The Death of Lincoln," the culprit strikes again."

Cast members and their respective hometowns include Sara Wysocki (as Stan Laurel), Walnut Grove; Enoc Reynoso (Oliver Hardy), Keanu Hoye (Mike Chex), and Greyson Dye (Max von Slowburn), all of Carthage; Jeremy Hudson (Orsen Wellfred), DeKalb; Bristol Buffington (Lt. Lou Tenant), El Paso, TX; Mary Levin (Tracy) and Madelon Taylor (Mitzi Ditsy), both of Louisville; Jessie Jones (Lillian Swansong), Pelahatchie; Wil Johnson (DeForrest Ford DeTreese), Morton; Alana Knowles (Greta Grebe), Decatur; and John Thames (Chex's father), Magee.

The dinner theatre menu includes baked chicken, roast beef, potato casserole, squash medley and vegetable blend, and assorted desserts.

Tickets are $15 and can be reserved by calling the college switchboard, at 601-635-6215.

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To Present 'The Laurel and Hardy Murder Mystery' at ECCC

Cast members for the East Central Community College Players' production of "The Laurel and Hardy Murder Mystery" by Barry Stoltze include (front row, from left) Alana Knowles, Decatur; and Greyson Dye, Carthage; (middle row, from left) Madelon Taylor, Louisville; Enoc Reynoso, Carthage; Sara Wysocki, Walnut Grove; and Jessie Jones, Pelahatchie; and (back row, from left) Keyanna Luckett, Carthage; Jeremy Hudson, Kemper; Bristol Buffington, El Paso, Texas; Mary Levin, Louisville; Wil Johnson, Morton; and John Thames, Magee. Not pictured is Keanu Hoyé of Carthage. The dinner theatre presentation is scheduled at 7 p.m. Nov. 13-15 (Thursday – Saturday), 2014, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. English instructor Stacey Pollock serves as director. Tickets are $15 and can be reserved by calling the ECCC Switchboard, 601-635-6215. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Ac'cents to present fall concert

Members of the East Central Community College show choir, The Ac'cents, will present their fall campus concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Performers and their respective hometowns include front row from left, Haleigh West, Decatur; Dee Jay Rolison, Conehatta; Kirk Griffin, Decatur; and Makenzie Rowzee, Newton; second row from left, Ben Pace, Philadelphia; Tallie Johnston, Lake; and Eli Parker, Duffy; and, back row from left, Kaishanna Young, Philadephia, Ryan Godwin, Newton; Kelli Boulton, Hickory; Zach Peden, Philadelphia; and Cara Jackson, Nanih Waiya. .

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DECATUR — Members of the East Central Community College show choir, The Ac'cents, will present their fall campus concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

There is no charge for admission and the public is invited to attend.

hits by Lady Gaga, Imagine Dragons, Justin Timberlake, Magic, One Republic and Rhianna.

Performers and their respective hometowns include Haleigh West and Kirk Griffin, both of Decatur; Dee Jay Rolison, Conehatta; Makenzie Rowzee and Ryan Godwin, both of Newton; Ben Pace, Kaishanna Young and Zach Peden, all of Philadelphia; Tallie Johnston, Lake; Eli Parker, Duffy; Kelli Boulton, Hickory; and Cara Jackson, Nanih Waiya.

The Ac'cents perform throughout the ECCC district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties, as well as various community events and campus concerts.

For more information contact director Vicki Blaylock at 601-635-6225 or e-mail vblay-

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WEEK OF Nov. 30, 2014

ECCC choir to perform in Scott County in Nov.

The East Central Community College Concert Choir will present a pair of free concerts in Scott County on Sunday, November 30.

The first performance begins at 5 p.m. at Forest United Methodist Church and will be followed by a 7 p.m. concert at Lake Baptist Church.

The group's annual fall campus concert will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur.

Admission is free to all events and the public is invited to attend.

Vicki Blaylock serves as director and Natalie Emmons of Lake serves as accompanist.

Some of the selections include "I Wonder as I Wander," "How Great Our Joy," "Let There Be Light," "Away in a Manger," "Masters in this Hall," "Still, Still, Still," "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy," and "The Twelve Days After Christmas."

Choir members from Scott County include Jenny Grove, Forest; Grayson Harrell, Morton; Tallie Johnston, Lake; Brittany Foster, Morton; Lindsey Hedge, Forest; Taylor Lott, Forest; Ian Lanthrip, Forest; Ephraim Ringo, Forest; Bailey Robinson, Lake; Anthony Emmons, Lake; Dominick Fields, Forest; Garrett McDill, Sebastopol; Kara Yates, Morton; Jonathan Hodge, Lake;

For more information contact Blaylock at (601) 635-6225.

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ECCC Choir to present Fall Campus Concert Dec. 2

ECCC Concert Choir will present its annual fall campus concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Vicki Blaylock serves as director and Natalie Emmons serves as accompanist. Some of the selections include "I Wonder as I Wander," "How Great Our Joy," "Let There Be Light," "Away in a Manger," "Masters in this Hall," "Still, Still, Still," "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy," and "The Twelve Days After Christmas." Choir members and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Radiance Wright and Haleigh West, both of Hickory; Bridgettt McFarland, Philadelphia; Anna Wells, Noxapater; Kaylee Yates, Decatur; Kara Smith, Bay Springs; Jenny Grove, Forest; Makenzie Rowzee, Newton; Rebecca Faron, Flowood; Grayson Harrell, Morton; Tallie Johnston, Lake; Ashley Bozeman, Union; Randi Kelly, Philadelphia; Andrea McSwain, Decatur; Leah Ferguson, Philadelphia; Rachel Laird, Meridian; and Lacye Harrison, Little Rock; (second row, from left) Paige Brown, Philadelphia; Brittany Foster, Morton; Sequence Spears, Philadelphia; Anna Webb, Noxapater; Sarah Wysocki, Carthage; Lindsey Hedge, Forest; Hickory; Madelon Taylor, Louisville; Cara Jackson, Louisville; Sarah Hall, Philadelphia; Danielle Gregory, Little Rock; Anna Girling, Carthage; Hannah Mitchell, Conehatta; Anna Lea Clarke and Katy Ezelle, both of Decatur; Katherine Jacome-Cluff, Hickory; Rebecca Tero and Chelsey Taylor, both of Decatur; Zach Peden, Philadelphia; Caleb Vaughn, Decatur; Charles Taylor, Philadelphia; and (third row, from left) Julian Fuentes, Decatur; Dee Jay Rolison, Conehatta; Greyson Dye, Carthage; Daniel McMahan, Little Rock; Taylor Lott, Forest; Adam Porter, Decatur; Eli Parker, Duffee; Gordon Alonso, Chunky; Brad Taylor, Stratton; Ian Lanthrip, Forest; Kaishanna Young and Ben Pace, both of Philadelphia; Katie Fortenberry, Raleigh; Ryan Godwin, Newton; Hannah Robinson, Union; Ephraim Ringo, Forest; Timothy Laird, Newton; Elias Jimmie, Choctaw; and Ryan Mott and Tyler Spence, both of Decatur; and (back row, from left) Bailey Robinson, Lake; Kelli Bolton and Mackenzie Gannon, both of Decatur; Anthony Emmons, Lake; Dominick Fields, Forest; Stephen Stewart and Alana Kron, both of Decatur; Cameron Higgason, Philadelphia; Darryl Rogers, Laurel; Hannah Mitchell, Meridian; Hannah Brown and Decatur; Garrett McDill, Sebastopol; Louise Berryhill, Decatur; Ethan Dunavant, Newton; Kara Yates, Morton; Jonathan Hodge, Lake; Karla Higginbotham, Nanih Waiya; Troy Gregory, Decatur; and Kalin Gentry, Philadelphia. Not pictured are Kirk Griffin and Courtney Tillman, both of Decatur.

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East Central Community College's rock-n-roll band, "The Collegians," will present its annual fall campus concert at 7 p.m. Monday, November 17 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The popular group will perform hits by Paramore, Carrie Underwood, Sam Hunt, Fall Out Boy, John Legend and many more. In addition, there will be a special performance by a "Mystery Band." There is no charge for admission and the public is invited to attend.

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PTK exec urges students to commit

Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, urges EC students to commit to complete their college degree recently. For more information contact PTK adviser Amanda Walton at 601-635-6214 or email awalton@eccc.edu.

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Non-traditional careers touted at conference

Learning about hair-styling and other information related to a career as a hair stylist are the above area high school career-technical students who attended the annual Non-Traditional Conference for Male Students held recently at East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown receiving hair-styling tips are, from left, Trevor Blalock and Jacquez Hardy, both of Newton Career Center; and Cameron Case, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center. Cosmetology instructor Carla Jacome-Cluff and cosmetology students Kelsey Boswell of Philadelphia and Cassie Phillips of Bay Springs demonstrate the proper hair-styling techniques to the special campus visitors. The annual conference is sponsored by the ECCC Career-Technical Division. This year's theme was "Stampeding to Success."

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NEW WARRIOR CORPS MEMBERS AT ECCC

Submitted photos

These East Central Community College students from Neshoba County are among new members of the Warrior Corps. Pictured are (first row, from left) Layne Lepard, Allison Johnson, Macken'z Smith and Carson Vanderporten, all of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Ryan Gardner, Ben Pace, Devin Skinner and Chase McNair, all of Philadelphia. Warrior Corps is a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for special events on the Decatur campus. Student Services staff members Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as sponsors.

These East Central Community College students from Newton County are among new members of the Warrior Corps. Pictured are (first row, from left) Hannah May of Little Rock, Kaylee Yates of Decatur, Keri Ann Mayfield of Union and Emily Shoemake of Conehatta; and (back row, from left) Lalah McMullen and Kaley Bufkin, both of Decatur; Mikayla May of Chunky, Brady McElhenney of Union and Jordan Alonso of Chunky. Warrior Corps is a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for special events on the Decatur campus. Student Services staff members Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as sponsors.

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ECCC HOSTS LEADERSHIP NESHOBA STUDENTS

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Shown are participants in a recent Leadership Neshoba Retreat held at East Central Community College in Decatur. The daylong event included introductions of ECCC student leaders and campus tours followed by a leadership seminar led by college administrators, faculty and staff. In addition, former faculty members Ovid Vickers and Alice Pouncey provided information on public speaking and manners and etiquette, respectively. The special campus visitors concluded their retreat by having dinner with ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and other members of the Executive Council, who include vice presidents Dr. Teresa Houston (instruction), Dr. Randall Lee (student services), Mickey Vance (business operations), David Case (institutional effectiveness and research) and Bubby Johnston (public information). Students and their respective high schools include (from row, from left) Chelsee Ferris and Avery Fisher, both of Philadelphia; Caiti Smith, Neshoba Central; Hannah Kuntz, Leake Academy; Nicole Ferguson and Amelia Henson, both of Neshoba Central; and Breanna Isaac, Choctaw Central; (second row, from left) Miriam Seale, Neshoba Central; Emily Duncan, Tyler Greer and Paul Prince, all of Philadelphia; Ansley Vaughn, Leake Academy; Hannah Reitcheck and Brittany Watkins, both of Neshoba Central; and Chaney Hartley, Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) co-sponsor Michael Reed, Neshoba County extension agent; Denver Haggard, Neshoba Central; Alandria Moore and Cooper Smith, both of Philadelphia; Mason Duran, Neshoba Central; Trey Hunt, Philadelphia; Grant Garrison, Joseph Blount and Brittany Russell, all of Neshoba Central; and co-sponsor Tim Moore, Neshoba County Chamber/Main Street director.

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ast Central President's Council includes student leaders from campus

These students serve as members of the President's Council at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Council is comprised of leaders of all campus clubs and organizations and was established to provide better communications between student groups and the President's office. Members and their respective organizations include seated from left, Leah Ferguson of Philadelphia, Student Body Association; Jenna Lovorn of Louisville, Astronomy Club; co-sponsor Randall E. Lee, Vice President for Student Services; Katy Ezell (vice president) of Decatur, Diamond Darlings; Zach Allen (president) of Louisville, Phi Theta Kappa and Sophomore Class; Dee-Jay Rolison (secretary) of Conehatta, Encore'; co-sponsor Billy W. Stewart, ECCC president; Kara Yates of Morton, ECCC Concert Choir; and Emily Cook of Philadelphia, Centralettes and Wo-He-Lo; second row from left, Bristol Buffington of Starkville, EC Art Club and EC Players; Mak Rowzee of Hickory, Cheerleading Squad; Virginia Easley of Philadelphia, Phi Beta Lambda; Warner Parkes of Louisville, Warrior Corps; Haley Pierce of Noxapater, Warrior Corps; Madison Barnett of Noxapater, The Tom-Tom; Trent Haden of Sumrall, EC Business Club; Colton Horne of Noxapater, Alpha Alpha Epsilon; Jamie Mathis of Meridian, ASNEC (Association of Student Nurses at EC); Katie Sanford of Decatur, Wall O' Sound Band; Emily Shoemake of Conehatta, Native American Club; Lydia Wolfe of Decatur, Practical Nursing Association; Kierra Griffin of McCool, EC Surgical Technology Student Association; Kaley Bufkin of Decatur, Student Body Association; and Kodi Wright of Collinsville, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau; and, back row from left, Tallie Johnston of Lake, Ac'cents; Houston Martin of Union, Collegians; Joshua Parker of Foxworth, Baptist Student Union; Caleb Stallings of Vossburg, Students Against Destructive Decisions and Resident Assistants; Duston Call of Union, Newman Club; Noah Corcoran of Louisville, Environmental Club; Colby Amis of Decatur, Association of Student Nurses at EC; William Milner of Lena, SkillsUSA; Sarah Freeman of Decatur, Wesley Foundation; Keona Foster of Philadelphia, Gospel Choir; Christopher Brown of Forest, Bon Appetit; and Allison Johnston of Philadelphia, Student Education Association.

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ECCC CHOIR IN CONCERT

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Learning for work

Learning How to 'Fold' Properly!

How to properly fold dinner napkins and other information related to fine dining were among items presented by hotel and restaurant management technology program representatives at the annual Non-Traditional Conference for Male Students held recently on the Decatur campus. Students participating in the "napkin folding" include (right from left) Wes Spears and Micah Williams, both of Newton County High School; Desmond Stewart, Leake County Career-Technical Center; and Preston Breazeale, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technical Center. Also pictured are (from left) hotel and restaurant management technology students Ashley Hill of Noxapater, and Alecia Breedlove and Delana Comans, both of Philadelphia. The annual conference is sponsored by the ECCC Career-Technical Division. This year's theme was "Stampeding to Success." (EC Photo)

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Labue performs at EC event for veterans

Nina Labue is shown performing taps during the annual Military Appreciation Breakfast held Wednesday, Nov. 12, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Labue, of Conehatta, is a member of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band and a product of Newton County High School. Also shown is John Michael Everett of Boy Scout Troop 46, who along with fellow troop member Wesly Boykin presented colors. Brigadier General (Ret.) and ECCC alumnus Billy Pierce served as guest speaker for the special event, held in the Molly McGee Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

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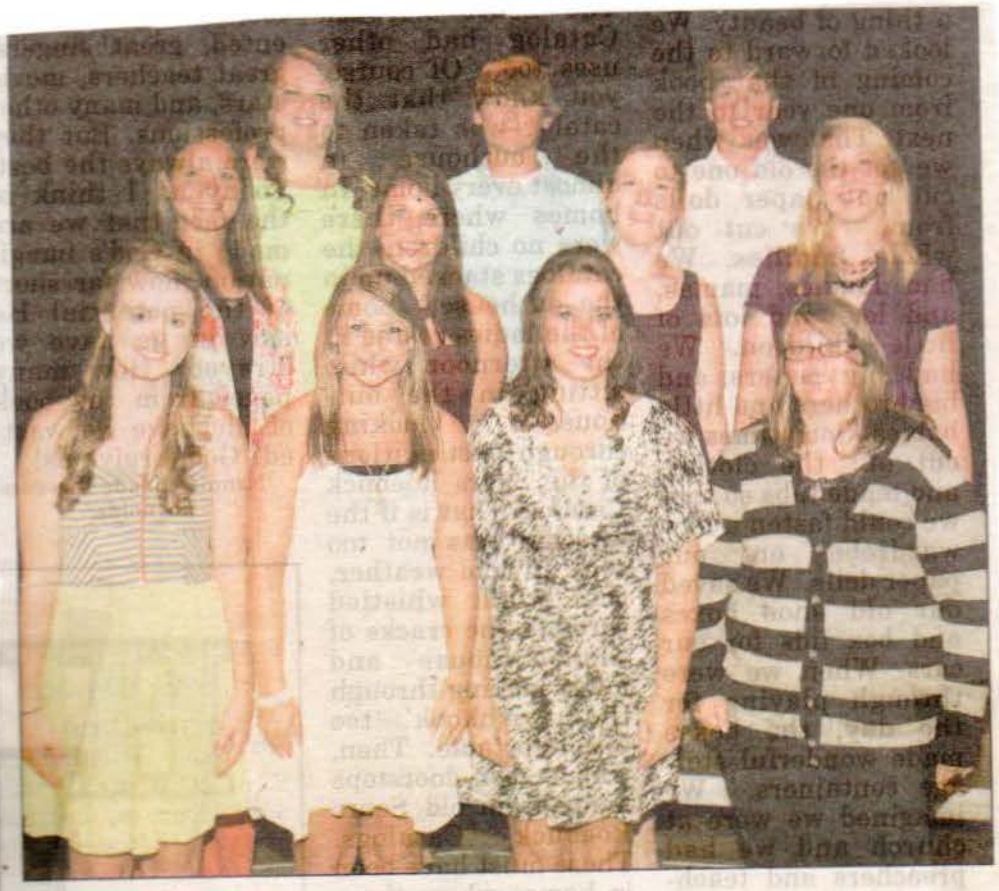

ECCC Students Tapped for PTK Honor Society

These outstanding East Central Community College students were inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, at the annual PTK Fall Induction Ceremony held Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. New members of the prestigious organization include (front row, from left) Samantha Morgan, Louisville; Kaylee Yates, Decatur; Jamey Kinard, Louisville; and Faith Emmons, Lake; (second row, from left) Nikki Triplett, Forest; Kelsey Smith, Louisville; Aaren Avera, Hickory; and Alana Knowles, Decatur; and (back row, from left) Brooke Smith, Noxapater; Justin Moore, Kosciusko; and Joshua Parker, Foxworth. Not pictured are inductees Mikayla May of Chunky and Justin Marcangeli of Philadelphia. Casie Page, student pastor at Northcrest Baptist Church, served as guest speaker. He was also inducted as an honorary Theta Xi member and adviser. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and Vice President for Instruction Dr. Teresa Houston also provided remarks and congratulated inductees. Workforce education counselor Amanda Walton, math instructor Jenna Wright, and drafting and design technology instructor Chris Ryals serve as Theta Xi Chapter advisers. (EC Photo)

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ECCC gospel choir plans Dec. 3 concert

From school reports

East Central Community College's Gospel Choir will present its fall campus concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus.

Bill Flowers of Newton will serve as guest speaker.

Flowers, a member of St. John M.B. church, accepted the call to the ministry earlier this year.

He is employed by the Newton Municipal School District, where he serves as teacher and assistant boys' and girls' basketball coach.

Flowers is a 2008 graduate of Newton High School. He continued his education at ECCC, where he served as program assistant for the Lady Warrior and Warrior basketball teams and was a Gospel Choir member. He graduated with honors from ECCC in 2010.

He is the son of Rebecca Flowers and the grandson of Ruby Riley.

The Rev. Marcus Mann, also an ECCC alumnus, will serve as master of ceremonies for the gospel choir program.

For more information, contact Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson, gospel choir sponsor, at 601-635-6215.

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Sigma Sigma Mu Tau raises funds for breast cancer with pink ribbon tree

Members of East Central Community College's Sigma Sigma Mu Tau healthcare organization raised $250 to be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. The organization sold ribbons in honor or memory of loved ones fighting breast cancer for their Pink Ribbon tree. Pictured with the Pink Ribbon tree are fundraising chairmen Jeremy Hudson of DeKalb and Kaci Ewing of Louisville.

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ECCC Warriors

Above are members of the 2014-15 East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for special events on the Decatur campus. Members and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Emily Shoemake of Conehatta, Kimberly Harrison of Forest, Grayson Harrell of Morton, Hannah May of Little Rock, Nat Reed of Nanih Waiya, Anna Claire Webb of Noxapater, Kaylee Yates of Decatur, Jade Smith of Louisville, Keri Ann Mayfield of Union, Layne Lepard of Philadelphia, Jenny Grove of Forest, Bridgette McFarland of Philadelphia, Brittany Rawson of Forest, and Megan Robinson of Nanih Waiya; (second row, from left) Haley Pierce of Noxapater (Co-President), Jordan Alonso of Chunky, Morgan Orr of Louisville, Emily Cook of Carthage, Sydney Keith of Philadelphia, Madelon Taylor of Louisville, Amy Hall of Nanih Waiya, Madison Barnett of Noxapater, Lindsay Hedge of Forest, Kimberly Talbert of Philadelphia, Samantha Morgan of Louisville, Cara Jackson of Nanih Waiya, Savannah Alawine of Philadelphia, Kaitlin Smith and Madison Pettigrew, both of Forest; Lalah McMullan of Decatur, and Jenna Lovorn of Louisville; (third row, from left) Daniel Giles of Union, Mackenzie Gannon of Decatur, Mikayla May of Chunky, Kaitlyn Blue of Ellisville, Allison Johnson of Philadelphia, Kristen Gordy of Forest, Kaley Bufkin of Decatur, Shelly Dowell of Lena, Warner Parkes of Nanih Waiya (President), Lauren Cantey of Collinsville, Karla Higginbotham, Logan Gregory and Leslie Estes, all of Nanih Waiya; Hannah Mitchell of Meridian, and Joelle Hill and Madelyn Peterson, both of Louisville; and (top row, from left) Alana Kron of Decatur, Skylar Davidson of Morton, Chase McNair of Philadelphia, Keifer Wolfe and Anthony Emmons, both of Lake; Bryan Burton and Zach Allen, both of Louisville; Devin Skinner and Ryan Gardner, both of Philadelphia; Brady McElhenney of Union, Channing Parkes of Nanih Waiya, Ben Pace of Philadelphia, Kardarius McClendon of Lake, Carson Vanderporten of Philadelphia, Brody Richardson of Louisville, Jessica Moffett of Meridian, and Macken'z Smith of Philadelphia. Student Services staff members Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as sponsors. (EC PHOTO)

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ECCC to present 'Christmas Music Spectacular' Dec. 4

from school reports

As part of the inaugural season of East Central Community College's Cultural Arts Series, the Fine Arts Department will present a "Christmas Music Spectacular" at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 4, 2014, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

The Christmas Music Spectacular, which will serve as a fundraiser for the Series, will feature performances by various East Central musical groups, including the Concert Choir, Ac'cents show choir, Wall O' Sound Band, and various other ensembles. The art department will also present a display of various mediums.

Tickets are $15 per person.

A reception in the Molly McGee Gold Room will follow the performances.

The Cultural Arts series will also bring performing artists and visual artists to the campus throughout the year for both EC students and the community, according to Vicki Blaylock, ECCC Fine Arts Department Chair.

"Throughout the years there have been visiting artists come to East Central and perform for our music majors. I couldn't help but notice the enthusiasm and interest that our students displayed when a visiting artist performed for them. I hope through the effort of the Cultural Arts Series we can afford all the students at East Central, not just the music majors, an opportunity to enhance their education by providing these cultural opportunities," Blaylock said.

For more information, contact Vicki Blaylock at 601-635-6225 or email vblaylock@eccc.edu.

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ECCC adds 44 Warrior

Forty-four students were recently selected for membership in the East Central Community College Warrior Corps, a select group chosen to represent the College with recruiting endeavors and special events on the Decatur campus.

Joining the prestigious organization are Hannah May of Little Rock, Kaylee Yates, Lalah McMullen and Kaley Bufkin, all of Decatur; Tyler Sistrunk, Keri Ann Mayfield and Brady McElhenney, all of Union; Emily Shoemake of Conehatta; Ashley Gressett, Mikayla May and Jordan Alonso, all of Chunky; Lindsay Hedge, Madison Pettigrew, Brittney Rawson and Kaitlin Smith, all of Forest; Skylar Davidson of Morton; Anthony Emmons of Lake; Shelly Dowell of Lena; Sydney Keith, Layne Lepard, Allison Johnson, Macken'z Smith, Carson Vanderporten, Ryan Gardner, Ben Pace, Shaneisha Willis, Devin Skinner and Chase McNair, all of Philadelphia; Jade Smith, Samantha Morgan, Madelon Taylor, Joelie Hill and Morgan Orr, all of Louisville; Amy Hall, Megan Robinson, Karla Higginbotham, Logan Gregory, Leslie Estes and Channing Parkes, all of Nanih Waiya; Madison Barnett and Anna Claire Webb, both of Noxapater; Chelsea Wright of Yazoo City; and Kaitlyn Blue of Ellisville.

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Winston County Warrior Corps Members

These East Central Community College students from Winston County are among new members of the Warrior Corps. Pictured are (first row, from left) Jade Smith, Samantha Morgan and Morgan Orr, all of Louisville; and Amy Hall of Nanih Waiya; (second row, from left) Madison Barnett and Anna Claire Webb, both of Noxapater; Madelon Taylor of Louisville and Megan Robinson of Nanih Waiya; and (back row, from left) Karla Higginbotham, Leslie Estes, and Channing Parkes, all of Nanih Waiya; Joelle Hill of Louisville and Logan Gregory of Nanih Waiya. Warrior Corps is a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for special events on the Decatur campus. Student Services staff members Lanette Hanna and Romonica Evans serve as sponsors. (EC PHOTO)

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ECCC Gospel Choir Performs

East Central Community Gospel's Choir is shown prior to the talented group's fall semester concert held Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (first row, from left) T'keya Backstrom and Keona Foster, both of Philadelphia; Andrea Riley, Walnut Grove; Chalydreanna Leflore, Carthage; Tanzania McCalphi, Newton; and Terry Bolar, Newton; (second row, from left) Ke-Yanna Kidd, Newton; Brandon Davis, Decatur; Contessa Peebles and Paige Brown, both of Philadelphia; Tammie Triplett, Louisville; and Malcolm McBride, Morton; and (third row, from left) Christopher Kelley Newton; A.J. Mapp, Decatur; Glenn Bender, Newton; Dekendrick Rushing, Walnut Grove; and sponsor Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson, Lawrence. Not pictured are Chesea Clay of Philadelphia, Chris Hickman of Louisville, Da'Quan Robinson of Decatur, Keron Evans of Hickory, and Alysia Johnson and Karimeka Britton, both of Carthage. Bill Flowers of Newton served as guest speaker. Flowers, an ECCC graduate serving as an assistant basketball coach for Newton Public Schools, spoke of "Making the Right Choices" Campus Life – Part III. The Rev. Marcus Mann, also an ECCC alumnus, served as master of ceremonies. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart also provided remarks. ECCC women's basketball coach Crandal Porter introduced Flowers, who is also a former ECCC basketball assistant. Gospel choir members who participated in the program included Andrea Riley, introduction of master of ceremonies; and Keona Foster of Philadelphia, who performed a mime dance. (EC Photo)

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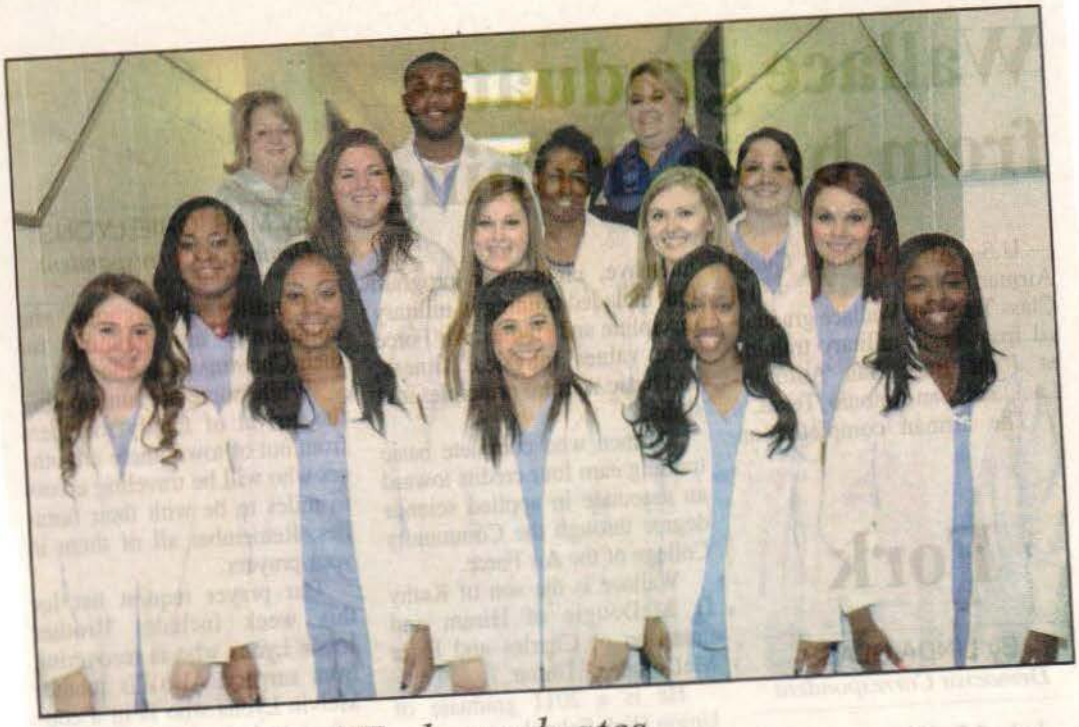

ECCC Surgical Tech graduates

Ready to begin their new careers in the healthcare field are the above students who recently completed the 12-month surgical technology program at East Central Community College in Decatur include first row, from left, Brandi Sanders, Morton; Kierra Lanay Griffin, Louisville; Victoria Smith, Morton; Jessica Delon Thames, Decatur; and Tywonna Kyerica Harris, Lena; seond row, Con'Brianna T. Evans, Clinton; Heather Lee Clark, Nichole Wilson (Surgical Technology Student of the Year) and Dakota Wilcher, all of Philadelphia; third row, Julie Ann Pierce, Philadelphia; Veronica Shan'ta Ramsey, Meridian; and Shawna Danielle Peets, Union; and back row, instructor Kristie Pilgrim; DeMarcus Antwan Brown, Meridian; and program director/instructor LeAnn Shirley.

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ECCC Who's Who

These students at East Central Community College in Decatur were recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges for 2014-15. Students were nominated by faculty and staff and are chosen based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular clubs and organizations. Honorees and their respective hometowns include (kneeling in front, from left) Rachel Laird, Meridian; Haleigh West and Mak Rowzee, both of Hickory; Danielle Gregory, Little Rock; and Nikki Triplett, Forest; (seated, from left) Lacye Harrison, Little Rock; Sarah Freeman, Decatur; Anna Girling, Carthage; Lorrie Moore, Lena; Jenny Grove, Forest; Cara Jackson, Nanih Waiya; Grayson Harrell, Morton; Jessica Moffett, Meridian; Aaren Avera, Hickory; and Alana Kron, Decatur; (third row, from left) Alex Bucklew, Louisville; Jordan Alonso, Chunky; Daniel Giles, Union; Colton Horne, Noxapater; Justin Moore, Thomastown; Jenna Lovorn and Samantha Morgan, both of Louisville; Bridgettte McFarland, Philadelphia; Lauren Cantey, Collinsville; Chance Lovern, Philadelphia; Emily Cook, Carthage; Megan Robinson, Nanih Waiya; Mackenzie Gannon, Decatur; Hannah Mitchell, Meridian; DeeJay Rolison, Conehatta; and Kardarius McClendon, Brandon; (fourth row, from left) Kyle McCullough, Madison; Jeremy Hudson, DeKalb; Katherine Jacome-Cluff, Hickory; Katie Sanford, Decatur; Dakota Wright, Jana Warren, Leah Ferguson and Allison Johnson, all of Philadelphia; Erika Cockrell, Birmingham, AL; Tesia Keith, Corinth; Anna Katherine Nowell, Philadelphia; Kimberly Harrison, Forest; Haley Pierce, Noxapater; Katy Ezelle, Decatur; Kristen Gordy, Forest; Madelyn Peterson and Bryan Burton, both of Louisville; (fifth row, from left) Jage Doss, Enterprise; Ben Killen, Union; Hunter Thrower, Meridian; Faith Emmons, Lake; Chase McNair, Philadelphia; Warner Parkes, Nanih Waiya; Virginia Easley, Philadelphia; Tyler Runnels, Morton; Mallory Turner, Meridian; Karoline Holsonback, Kennedy, AL; Trent Haden, Sumrall; Christopher Brown and Dominck Fields, both of Forest; Alec Doggett, Carthage; Lauren Peterson, Forest; and Noah Corcoran, Louisville; and (top row, from left) Tyler Cook, Gulfport; Todd Hughes, Meridian; Chance Whitten, Batesville; Brittney Taylor, Lake; Regan Reiss, Forest; Charles Thorne, Decatur; John Davis, Carthage; William Howington and Delton Harrison, both of Little Rock; Dylan Little, Mobile, AL; Will Myers, Philadelphia; Brody Richardson, Louisville; Tyler Armistad, Caledonia; Tyler Faulkner, Carthage; Asif Zaffar, Azad Kashmir, Pakistan; Zach Allen, Louisville; and Jonathan Hodge, Lake. (EC Photo)

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EC students complete EMT basic training

Several East Central Community College students were recently recognized for completing the fall semester Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic Course. The honorees received certificates during a special ceremony held Dec. 11, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Recipients, pictured first row from left, Kamry Freeny, Carthage; Brittany Morrow, Union; Shantel Jenkins, Philadelphia; Justina Billy, Choctaw; Maria Rivera, Forest; Amy Beasley, Quitman; and P.J. Burr, Decatur; and, second row from left, Thomas Fox, Forest; Cassaundra Dunaway, Noxapater; Shadaedra Jones, Conehatta; Janera Triplett and Tommy Martin, both of Philadelphia; and Jeremiah Tindol, Carthage. Also pictured, back row from left, are instructors John Barham of Polkville and Dale Yates of Union. Chris Kelly serves as interim director/instructor for the EMT-Paramedic Program. For more information on ECCC healthcare programs, contact Denita Thomas, dean of healthcare education, at 601-635-6294 or email dthomas@eccc.edu.

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ECCC's Surgical Technology Program

Leon Giles (right), a student at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Career-Technology Center, learns about East Central Community College's Surgical Technology program from instructor Kristie Pilgrim at the Non-Traditional Conference for Male Students held recently on the Decatur campus. Giles is shown "operating" a surgical device while Pilgrim looks on. He also received information regarding a career as a surgical technologist. This year's theme was "Stampeding for Success."

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Wilson receives ECCC surgical technology honor

Nichole Wilson (center) of Philadelphia displays a certificate she received for being selected Surgical Technology Student of the Year at East Central Community College in Decatur. Wilson was presented the award in recognition of her academic excellence in the classroom and performance in clinical settings. She received the award from program instructor Kristie Pilgrim (left) and director/instructor LeAnn Shirley. The presentation was made during the program's annual pinning ceremony held Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Feb. 2, 2014

East Central teams fall to MCC

DECATUR - Struggles on the hardwood continue for East Central Community College basketball squads following setbacks to Meridian Community College Thursday in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Lady Warriors were outscored by an 82-64 margin and the Warriors were edged 75-71 in the MACJC South Division matchups.

Freshman guard Bryanna McClendon tallied 15 points to lead the EC women, who fell to 7-10 overall and 2-6 in league play. McClendon is a product of Lake High School.

Also scoring in double figures were Jaleshia Jones of Wayne County, 14; and Leake Academy product Anna Katherine Nowell of Philadelphia, 11.

Other point makers were Kimberly Wallace, a product of Ouachita Parish in Monroe, La., and Tynika Bender of Newton, eight each; Andreka Harper of Forest, four; and Shaniqua Quinn of Brandon and Haley Watkins of Scott Central, two each. Wallace was top the rebounder with 10 boards.

EC trailed 47-32 at the break.

The Warriors were led by Jacques Johnson's 15 points. Other top point makers were Quinton Campbell, a product of Mary G. Montgomery HS in Mobile, 13; and Terrance Mujahid of Westwood HS in Memphis, 10. The 6-7, 210-pound sophomore forward led in rebounds with 10.

Also scoring were Kristian Clark of St. Martin, nine; Ramone Tate of St. Stanislaus, eight; Keon McKinney of West Point, seven; Michael Matlock of Central High in Memphis, five; and Demarkus Jones of Terry and Demond Morgan of Morton, two each.

Kenny Davis pumped in 24 point to lead the Eagles, who improved to 4-12 and 3-5.

The visitors held a 41-31 advantage at the break.

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ECCC and Co-Lin tennis squads split decisions

After several delays due to inclement weather, East Central Community College's tennis teams begin season action by hosting Copiah-Lincoln Community College Monday, Feb. 17 on the Decatur campus.

The Warriors were victorious by a 5-4 margin and Lady Warriors dropped a 6-3 decision.

In men's singles, EC winners were Javon Yarbrough of Louisville, who defeated Graham Watson, 6-2, 6-2; Brandon St. Clair of Newton County High School, who beat Brandon Nettles, 6-2, 6-4; and Tanner Moore of Winston Academy, a 6-4, 6-1 victor over Josh Smith.

In other results, Juan Miranda of Morton fell to Dwain Perkins, 5-7, 6-3 (10-6); Daniel Giles of Union lost to Brock Smith, 4-6, 6-3 (10-6); and Ethan Rigdon of Union was clipped 6-4, 6-4 by Coleman Carraway.

Capturing wins in men's doubles were Miranda and Giles, who defeated Perkins/Watson, 9-8 (7-5); and Yarbrough and Moore, who posted an 8-5 decision over Brock Smith and Josh Smith.

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EC winners in women's singles include Amber Pierce of Leake Academy, who beat Savannah Brister, 2-6, 6-4 (10-2); and Nan Hartness of Winston Academy, who defeated Carlianne Alderman, 6-0, 6-4.

In the other results, Hannah Peoples of Winston Academy fell to Courtney Watts, 6-1, 6-4; Alana Turner of Florence lost to Melody Smith, 6-3, 6-4; Hannah Smith of Leake Academy dropped a 6-1, 6- 2 decision to Erika Dear, and Laura Peterson of Forest fell to Allie Dear, 6-0, 6-2.

Peoples and Hartness teamed to win their doubles match with Brister and Alderman by an 8-5 score.

In other results, Turner and Pierce fell 8-5 to Watts/Smith, and the Patrick/Smith team dropped an 8-6 decision to Alderman and Carly Riley.

The Warriors and Lady Warriors travel to Jones County Junior College Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Dianne O'Neill serves as ECCC tennis coach.

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ECCC tennis squads split with Hinds

From school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College's tennis squads split decisions with Hinds Community College in matches held Tuesday.

The Warriors cruised to an 8-1 victory while the Lady Warriors fell by a 6-3 margin.

EC winners in men's singles were Juan Miranda of Morton, who beat Devonte Thomas, 0-6, 6-3, 12-10; Javon Yarbrough of Louisville, a 6-1, 6-2 victor over Aaron Gray; Brandon St. Clair, a product of Newton County High School, who defeated Jonathan Bethea, 6-2, 6-1; Ethan Rigdon of Union, who posted a 6-4, 7-5 decision over Melvin McNair; and Tanner Moore of Winston Academy, who edged Austin Pevy in by a 6-3, 6-3 decision. Daniel Giles of Union dropped his match to Julian Johnson by a 7-5, 6-2 score.

The Warriors won all three doubles matches, as Miranda and Giles defeated Thomas/Gray, 9-7; Yarbrough and Moore beat Johnson/McNair, 8-4; and St. Clair and Rigdon clipped Bethea/Pevy, 8-3.

In women's singles, EC winners were Amber Pierce of Leake Academy, who beat Jenneast Lofton, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; and Lauren Peterson of Forest, who edged Reagan Chisolm, 6-4, 6-4.

Hannah Peoples of Winston Academy fell to Brittany DeCamp, 6-1, 6-1; Alana Turner of Florence fell to Kelly Carlson, 3-6, 6-2, 11-9; Nan Hartness lost to C. Fox, 2-6, 6-2, 10-7; and Hannah Smith of Leake Academy dropped a 6-0, 6-2 decision to Jessica Parker.

Peoples and Hartness were the lone doubles winner, as they posted an 8-5 win over Carlson/Parker.

In other results, Turner and Pierce fell to DeCamp/Lofton, 8-1; and Katlyn Patrick and Kristine Jenkins, both of Forest, lost to Chisolm/Hicks by an 8-3 margin.

WEEK OF March 2, 2014

ECCC tennis squads beat Northeast Miss. CC

From school reports

DECATUR — East Central Community College's tennis teams defeated Northeast Mississippi Community College in matches Tuesday.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors both cruised to 7-2 victories in the non-division contests.

In women's singles, EC winners were Hannah Peoples of Winston Academy, who beat Allison Wiltshire, 6-0, 6-1; Alana Turner of Florence, who blanked Nikki Baird, 6-0, 6-0; Amber Pierce of Leake Academy, who defeated Emily Wiltshire, 6-3, 6-0; and Nan Hartness of Winston Academy, a 6-3, 6-1 victor over Hannah Billingsley.

Lady Warriors Hannah Smith of Leake Academy and Lauren Peterson of Forest fell in their respective matches. Smith was edged 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 by Erica Whitten, and Peterson dropped a pair of 6-2 decisions to Haley Brown.

EC's women won all three doubles matches, as Turner and Pierce blanked Billingsley/Whitten, 8-0; Peoples and Hartness clipped Brown/Baird, 8-4; and Katlyn Patrick and Kristine Jenkins, both of Forest, nipped the Lindsey Clark/Allie Downs team by an 8-6 margin.

Winning their respective matchups in men's singles were Warriors Daniel Giles of Union, who beat Wesley Brandon, 6-3, 6-0; Javon Yarbrough of Louisville, who defeated Ande Mills, 6-1, 6-0; Ethan Rigdon of Union, who rallied to down Wesley Tye, 3-6, 7-5 (10-6); and Tanner Moore of Winston Academy, who clipped Noah Wright, 6-4, 6-3.

In other results, Juan Miranda of Morton fell to Micah Page, 6-2, 6-1; and Brandon St. Clair of Newton County High School was edged 3-6, 7-5, (10-7).

The Warriors were also victorious in all doubles competition. Miranda and Giles defeated Page/Brandon, 8-6; Yarbrough and Moore beat Mills/Price, 8-5; and Rigdon and Robert Strong of Forest edged Tye/Wright, 8-5.

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ECCC Tennis squads

Members of the 2014 men's tennis team at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective hometowns include (kneeling, from left) Robert Strong, Forest; Tanner Moore, Louisville; and Daniel Giles and Ethan Rigdon, both of Union; and (standing, from left) Dominick Fields, Forest; Juan Miranda, Morton; Brandon St. Clair, Decatur; and Javon Yarbrough, Louisville. Dianne O'Neill serves as head coach. (EC Photo)

East Central Community College's tennis squads dropped decisions to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in matches held Friday, Feb. 28 in Wiggins.

The Warriors were edged 5-4 and the Lady Warriors were outscored by a 7-1 margin.

EC winners in men's singles were Juan Miranda of Forest, who defeated Matt Barlow, 7-5, 1-6, 11-9; Javon Yarbrough of Louisville, who clipped DeAngelo Vaxter, 6-1, 6-1; and Ethan Rigdon of Union, who beat Tyler Youngblood, 0-6, 6-2, 10-6.

Rigdon fell to Vo/Youngblood, 8-2.

Alana Turner of Florence was the lone Lady Warrior winner, as she earned a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Kit Chowdhary in women's singles.

In other results, Hannah Peoples of Winston Academy fell to Christa Owen, 6-0, 6-1; Amber Pierce of Leake Academy lost to Tori Rose, 7-6 (7-5), 0-6, 10-6; Nan Hartness of Winston Academy fell to Brittany Buker, 6-2, 6-0; Hannah Smith of Leake Academy lost to Annissia Johnson, 6-1, 6-3; and Lauren Peterson of Forest fell 6-1 6-3 to Aliesha Barlow.

In other results, Daniel Giles of Union lost to Travous Wilson, 6-4, 6-2; Brandon St. Clair of Newton County fell to Bobby Vo, 6-0, 6-4; and Tanner Moore of Winston Academy dropped a 6-3, 6-1 decision to Josh Johnson.

In men's doubles, Warriors Miranda and Giles teamed to defeat Wilson/Johnson, 8-6. In other results, Yarbrough and Moore fell to Barlow/Vaxter, 8-6; and St. Clair and

In women's doubles, Turner and Pierce were edged by Owen/Chowdhary, 8-5; Peoples and Hartness were clipped by Rose/Buker, 8-5; and Peterson and Katlyn Patrick of Forest were blanked 8-0 by Johnson/Barlow.

East Central hosts Northeast Mississippi Community College Tuesday, March 4, beginning at 2 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

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Fall to Gulf Coast

Members of the 2014 women's tennis team at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective hometowns include (kneeling, from left) Katlyn Patrick and Kristine Jenkins, both of Forest; Nan Hartness, Louisville; and Lauren Peterson, Forest; and (standing, from left) Hannah Peoples, Carthage; Alana Turner, Florence; and Amber Pierce and Hannah Smith, both of Madden. Dianne O'Neill serves as head coach. (EC Photo)

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Members of the 2014 men's tennis team at East Central Community College and their respective hometowns include, from left, front row, Robert Strong, Forest; Tanner Moore, Louisville; and Daniel Giles and Ethan Rigdon, both of Union; back row, Dominick Fields, Forest; Juan Miranda, Morton; Brandon St. Clair, Decatur; and Javon Yarbrough, Louisville. Robert Thompson serves as head coach, and Dianne O'Neill is assistant coach.

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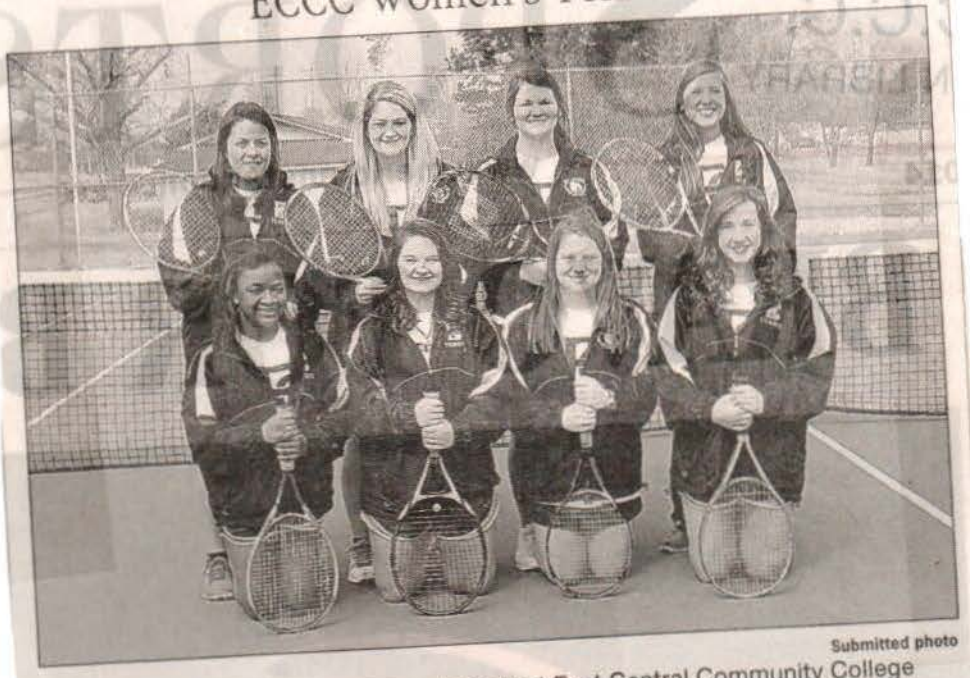

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Members of the 2014 women's tennis team at East Central Community College and their respective hometowns include, from left, kneeling, Katlyn Patrick and Kristine Jenkins, both of Forest; Nan Hartness, Louisville; and Lauren Peterson, Forest; standing, Hannah Peoples, Carthage; Alana Turner, Florence; and Amber Pierce and Hannah Smith, both of Madden. Robert Thompson serves as head coach, and Dianne O'Neill is assistant coach.

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ECCC Tennis Teams topple Holmes

Winning ways continue for East Central Community College's tennis squads following a pair of 8-1 victories over Holmes Community College last Wednesday on the Decatur campus.

In women's singles, Hannah Peoples of Winston Academy defeated Anna Clair Shores, 6-0, 6-1; Alana Turner of Florence beat Johnna White, 6-0, 6-3; Amber Pierce of Leake Academy clipped Jennifer Rule, 6-1, 6-0; Nan Hartness of Winston Academy beat Katherine Woods, 6-2, 6-0; and Katlyn Patrick of Forest blitzed Sarah Walden, 6-0, 6-0. Hannah Smith of Leake Academy fell to Elizabeth Petro, 6-1, 6-3.

In women's doubles, Turner and Pierce shutout Walden/White, 8-0; Peoples and Hartness blitzed Rule/Woods, 8-0; and the Forest team of Lauren Peterson and Kristine Jenkins held on to clip Shores/Petro, 8-6.

In men's singles, Juan Miranda of Morton beat Devin Langham, 7-5, 6-2; Daniel Giles of Union edged Dylan Throgmorton, 5-7, 6-0 (10-8); Javon Yarbrough of Louisville defeated Rami Jamileh, 6-4, 6-4; Brandon St. Clair of Newton County blitzed Will Godfrey, 6-0, 6-0; Ethan Rigdon of Union cruised past Justin Sawyer, 6-0, 6-1; and Tanner Moore of Winston Academy posted a 6-1, 7-5 victory over John Crews.

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Meridian CC surges past Warriors in tennis

From school reports

The Meridian Community College men's and women's tennis teams continued its recent success on the court by taking road victories earlier this week against East Central Community College in Decatur. The MCC men won all the courts it competed on Monday afternoon.

In doubles action, the number one team of Kevin Millet/Chris Mallette defeated Juan Miranda/Daniel Giles 8-2. At two, Will Rogers/Cody Gallenbeck defeated Javon Yarbrough/Tanner Moore 8-0 and at three, Reed Wade/TJ Carter defeated Ethan Rigdon/Brandon St. C lair 8-4.

In singles, Millet won 6-2, 6-4 over Miranda. Rogers defeated Daniel Giles 6-3, 6-2. At three Mallette defeated Yarbrough 6-4, 6-3. TJ Carter, who played four, defeated Brandon St. C lair 7-6(4), 6-4. At number five. Reed Wade defeated Ethan Rigdon 6-1, 6-2. ECCC's Tanner Moore lost to Christian Jackson 6-1, 7-5.

In women's action, MCC won 9-0 as well. Mallory Davis/Jenni Smith won over Alana Turner/Amber Pierce 8-4; Molly Davis/Madison Gillette defeated Hannah Peoples/Nan Hartness 8-5. The three doubles team of Caroline Terry/Taylor White defeated Katlyn Patrick/Lauren Peterson 8-1. In singles, Davis won the one court 6-1, 6-1 over Peoples. Jenni Smith won the two court 6-3, 6-4 over Alana Turner. Madison Gillette took the win at three over Amber Pierce 6-4, 6-3.

MCC's Caroline Terry won the four court over Nan Hartness 6-3, 6-0. Molly Davis won at five 6-1, 6-1 over Hannah Smith, and Taylor White won at six over Kristen Jenkins 6-2, 6-0.

Meridian travels to Itawamba Thursday afternoon for huge matches that will feature two great teams. The ICC men and the MCC men are undefeated in conference play, so there will be a lot riding on this match with ICC having the home court advantage.

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ECCC tennis cracks recent NJCAA rankings

From school reports

DECATUR — The success of East Central Community College's men's tennis team has received attention from the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association), according to the most recent poll.

The Warriors are ranked 25th in the country following a 5-4 victory over Northeast Mississippi Community College.

The national ranking is the first such honor in recent memory for the Warrior tennis program.

Robert Thompson serves as head coach and Dianne O'Neill is adjunct coach.

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ECCC Tennis teams defeat Holmes

East Central Community College's tennis teams recorded victories over Holmes Community College in matches held Wednesday, April 16, 2014, in Goodman.

The Lady Warriors cruised 8-1 and the Warriors posted a 7-2 victory.

In women's singles, Hannah Peoples of Winston Academy defeated Johanna White, 6-1, 6-0; Alana Turner of Florence beat Laurie Alvis, 6-2, 6-2; Amber Pierce of Leake Academy defeated Jennifer Rule, 6-2, 6-4; Nan Hartness of Winston Academy beat Katherine Woods, 6-1, 6-0; Hannah Smith of Leake Academy beat Lori Nesbitt, 6-1, 6-2; and Katlyn Patrick of Forest defeated Anna Claire Shores, 7-5, 6-1.

EC winners in women's doubles were Turner and Pierce, who defeated Alvis/White, 8-4; and Peoples and Hartness, an 8-0 winner over Rule/Woods. Kristine Jenkins and Lauren Peterson, both of Forest, were clipped 8-6 by Shores and Elizabeth Petro.

In men's singles, Juan Miranda of Morton beat Devin Langham, 6-2, 6-2; Daniel Giles of Union defeated Dylan Throgmorton, 6-1, 6-2; Javon Yarbrough of Louisville beat Rami Jamileh, 6-2, 6-1; Brandon St. Clair of Newton County High School defeated Will Godfrey, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2; Robert Strong of Forest beat Justin Sawyer, 6-2, 6-0; and Tanner Moore of Winston Academy beat John Crews, 1-6, 6-2, (10-6).

Miranda and Giles won their doubles match by an 8-1 decision over Throgmorton/Sawyer.

Yarbrough and Moore fell 8-6 to Godfrey/Jamileh, and St. Clair and Rigdon were clipped 8-4 by Langham/Crews.

EC's tennis program is led by head coach Robert Thompson and adjunct coach Dianne O'Neill.

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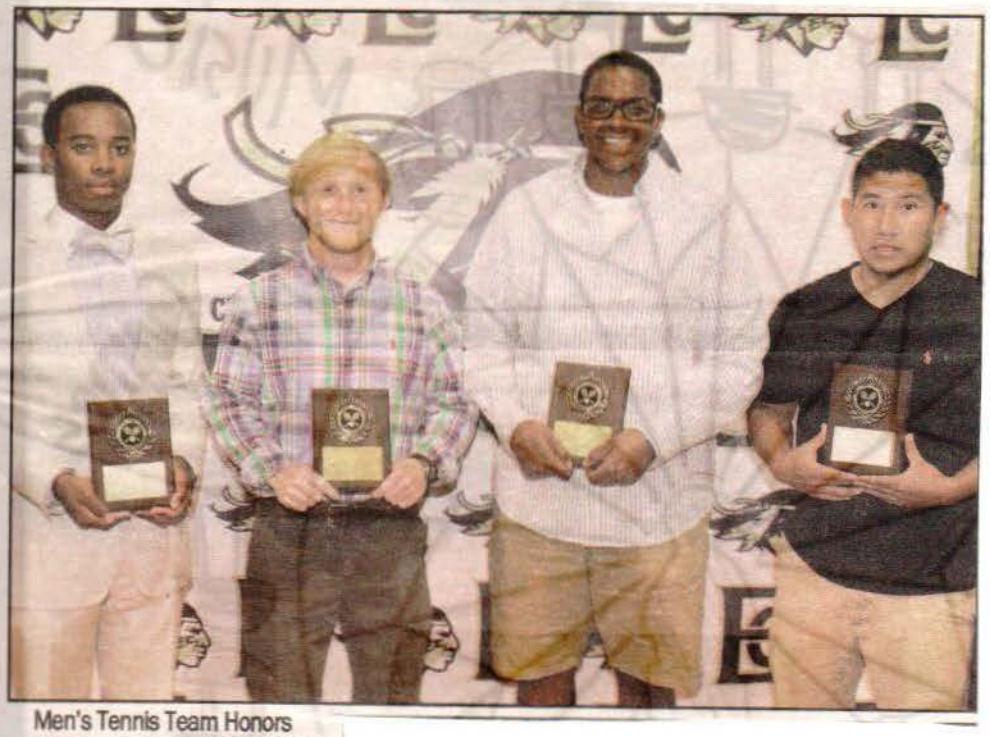

Men's Tennis Team Honors

These members of the 2014 East Central Community College men's tennis team were presented honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Award winners and their respective high schools include (from left) Javon Yarbrough of Louisville, Most Valuable Player; Daniel Giles of Union, Warrior Award; Dominick Fields of Forest, Academic Award; and Juan Miranda of Morton, Captain's Award. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and adjunct tennis coach Dianne O'Neill presented awards.

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ECCC Sophomore Tennis Players Honored

Sophomores on the 2014 East Central Community College tennis teams were presented framed EC letters at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees and their respective high schools include (from left) Alana Turner, Florence; Nan Hartness, Winston Academy; Amber Pierce, Leake Academy; Brandon St. Clair, Newton County; and Hannah Smith, Leake Academy. Adjunct tennis coach Dianne O'Neill made the presentation. (EC Photo)

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Payne signs with ECCC

Union tennis standout Brooke Payne signed with East Central Community College recently. Pictured from left: Jimmy Payne, Carson Payne, Brooke Payne, Tasha Payne; back row: Hannah Payne and Coach Bryan Norman.

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WEEK OF May 18, 2014

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Presented ECCC Women's Tennis Awards

These members of the 2014 East Central Community College women's tennis team received honors at the annual Spring Sports Award Banquet held recently on the Decatur campus. Award winners and their respective high schools include (from left) Nan Hartness of Winston Academy, Captain's Award; Alana Turner of Florence, Academic Award; Amber Pierce of Leake Academy, Lady Warrior Award; and Hannah Peoples of Winston Academy, Most Valuable Player. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart and adjunct tennis coach Dianne O'Neill presented awards. (EC Photo)

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